

Principal's Update Newsletter (Nov - Dec)



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the festive season approaches and we conclude another busy and rewarding term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments, challenges, and growth we've experienced together here at Wrenn School.

This term has truly been a testament to our school ethos. Whether through academic achievements, artistic performances, sports competitions, or community initiatives, our students have demonstrated incredible dedication, resilience, and creativity.

Working Hard

We are delighted to share that:

- Year 11 and 13 have completed their first set of mock exams for this year.
- Our students have achieved outstanding results in sporting events.
- Our recent performance of Macbeth showcased the remarkable talent and teamwork of our students and staff across the Northamptonshire Schools
- The charity initiatives led by our pupils, including the Donate and Take Sale and Christmas Jumper Day raised money for Save the Children reflecting their compassion and commitment to making a difference.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are working hard as they prepare for their upcoming examinations, and we have been impressed by their determination and the support they

have shown one another. Thank you to parents for the crucial role you play in supporting their studies.

Respecting Others

This term, we have placed a strong emphasis on fostering a sense of belonging and care. Events such as our amazing 'Diversity Day' have reinforced our commitment to creating an inclusive environment where every individual feels valued.

I am especially proud of our students' generosity during the festive season. The overwhelming response to the food bank donation drive is a reminder of the kindness that defines our school community. **#proudtobewrenn**

Navigating our Future

As we look forward to the new term, we remain committed to providing the very best opportunities for your children. In January, we will launch our next Extra-Curricular Programme, aimed at further enhancing the opportunities we make available for our students.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to inspire and support your children, and to you, our parents and guardians, for your continued partnership. Together, we are ensuring that every student at Wrenn School can aspire to their highest potential. Finally, I wish you and your families a joyful, peaceful, and safe holiday season. May this time be filled with warmth and celebration as we welcome the new year ahead.

We look forward to seeing all our students refreshed and ready to embrace the opportunities of the Spring Term, which begins on Tuesday 7th January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Laura Parker

Principal

Wrenn School

“Ambition and Excellence with Care for All”

Term round-ups

Year 7

WOW!! What a fantastic first full term our Year 7 cohort have had. I am incredibly proud to be leading such a brilliant cohort of students who have achieved a whopping **87,076 House Points** together!

Our Year 7s sat some of their very first CET Assessments this half-term which has been another entirely new process for them. However, they have handled this entirely new experience with an abundance of positivity, resilience, and perseverance. They should be incredibly proud of themselves.

We have also had lots of our Year 7s get involved in our variety of Extra-Curricular activities and clubs that are on offer – which is fantastic. I’d like to give a special mention to **Nadia S** for attending 17 clubs, **Kaliq B** for attending 20 extra-curricular clubs and **Patricia Z** for attending 27 clubs!! Well done – this is a wonderful way to expand our skill sets and create new potential friendships.

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!

Lastly, I’d like to give a special shout-out to **Teddy J** and **Rosabelle CW** – for being two students who are consistently embracing our Wrenn Values.

Miss Charlotte Gibbs

English Teacher & Year 7 Progress Leader

Year 8

What a wonderful term 2 it’s been. Whilst the days have been shorter and dark, this hasn’t damped the electric spirit of Year 8 pupils!

Since September there has been over **74,000 house points awarded** to our year group alone! This is an amazing achievement, and many students will be so proud that their hard work and positive attitudes are being recognised.

8E was our winning form group in the celebration’s assembly this week with a total of **10,400 house points** and closely followed by **8R with 10255**...I look forward to the competitive attitudes carrying on next term!

Please remember that **Monday 6th Jan is an INSET** and students will be returning to Wrenn on **Tuesday 7th Jan at 8:40** ready for line ups.

Please be aware that **Y8 AP1s continue** until the end of that week, Friday 10th. Please inform your child/children that any subjects that have not completed assessments before the break will be completed when they are back.

It has been lovely seeing so many students involve with extra-curricular activities. There were **over 50 students** who attended at least one after school club and many more being involved with lunch time clubs and sporting events. Here are some of the highlights;

U13s girls football (14th Nov 1-0 Ferrers)

The female students who represented Wrenn at the district athletics competition came 2nd, this means that they progress to the final...**WELL DONE!**

Jam in the gym – A lunch time live event where some of our pupils showcased their musical talents to get us ready for the festive times.

Food collection for the community – Thank you to all that donated items, this was such a heartwarming experience and made me feel very proud to see so many Y8 students and families being so generous.

I look forward to seeing all the students in January however, I do hope you all have a relaxing break and reset for the New Year.

Kind Regards,

Miss Beth Jerrett

Year 8 Progress Leader

[Year 9](#)

Wow! We have just had the most epic Celebration Assembly which just goes to show how amazing our term has been!

The assembly was kicked off by our fantastic choir which included a solo by our very own Jodi A. It was such a lovely show and the year 9s thoroughly enjoyed it.

We have given out three Be Kind badges and Mishree S has achieved the first Work Hard badge of the year - Congratulations.

Four students achieved success by gaining a spot in the top 10% of the country as awarded by the **Oxford University** run **BEBRAS** scheme. Well done to Keanu T, Rohit, Hugo L, Melissa SR.

58 pupils joined our after school revision techniques session on the last Tuesday of term. The atmosphere and enthusiasm was spectacular; the pupils were fully engaged and so polite and respectful.

The pupils are showing great maturity; they are engaged and enthusiastic. This year group have a wonderful sense of humour and each of them makes us laugh. We sent out an email

in preparation for the Celebration Assembly asking for shout outs from teachers for pupils who deserve it - **242 nominations** were received which absolutely demonstrates the resilience that these pupils are showing, and how many opportunities we have to be proud.

We have launched the **Graduation Criteria** and pupils are having wonderful conversations about these, including how to best perform at AP1 which starts when we get back from the break. Many of them have begun to take part in community opportunities organised by Ms Austin

We have our **Options Open Evening** on **16th January** where pupils and parents will have the opportunity to learn more about the process, and ask questions about the various subjects on offer. We cannot wait to see you there.

Our top House Points pupils this term were:

1. Jean-Steve N
2. Mishree S
3. Alesia B

Congratulations to them, and to all of the pupils for an amazing term. Enjoy your break, and we look forward to seeing you all for more success in 2025.

Mrs Helen Mainprize

Year 9 Progress Leader

Year 10

This term we have celebrated with **115 golden tickets** being handed out in our Celebration Assembly. This proves the hard work and determination of Year 10 at the end of our first full term. I am so incredibly proud of their achievements and dedication to their GCSEs so far, long may it continue!

Students have taken part in a **Bar Mock Trials** where they represented the school. The first BTEC Business presentations took place to great success. The Food Bank collection & Christmas Jumper Day raised money for charities. All these contribute to students **navigating their futures** at Wrenn.

Looking ahead we will be having a **Passport to Success Evening** on **23rd January**. The aim of this is to provide more information about students working towards academic success. More information on this to follow. Assessment Point 1 for Year 10 falls at the end of the next half term, the beginning of February.

However, before that, I wish Year 10 a lovely Christmas Break and a positive start to 2025.

Miss Katie Lawman

Year 10 Progress Leader

Year 11

Year 11 have had a busy half term which began with mocks on the first day back! Y11 pupils showed great maturity during their mocks, and we have seen some fabulous results and improvements from Y10 AP2. We also celebrated mock results with a mini results afternoon where students found out their mock grades and took part in some self-reflection activities. This self-reflection activity included asking pupils how they feel about their grades, asking them what revision strategies they engaged in, whether their grades are on track to meeting the entry requirements for their next steps and priorities for the next mock. These sheets will be used for tutors to continue reflective discussions next half term after Y11 have had a well-deserved break.

We also had a group of Year 11 represent the school at a Bar Mock Trial in Oxford with Miss Davies. These students planned, prepped and rehearsed for roles including witnesses, defence barristers, jury, court artist and clerk. Well, done to Grace, Charlie, Eva, Gustavine, Taf, Brian, Ema, Olivia and Nadiia - you did Wrenn so proud!

We started our final school week of 2024 with a celebration assembly. Here are some lovely achievements we celebrated:

- Y11 reached 57,700 house points.
- 153 pupil nominations from teachers for superb attitude to learning, fab mock period or a stand out superstar!
- 199 pupils have attended a Period 6 session this year (Sept - Dec). Our top P6 attender is still Jamie K, closely followed by Mary F.
- 165 pupils have attended a LRC session this year (Sept - Dec). Our top LRC attender last half term was Dulcie A'L however this half term Dulcie has to share that crown with Diana M.

Our **Points Mean Prizes** initiative also had a prize drop this week. The criteria to be in the prize draw this half term included being in position 1-150 on the leader board. Lucky number 141 was drawn, and Tanisha H won a £200 prize of her choice! We (the raising attainment team) also snuck in an extra prize for someone in the top 10 as we appreciate how hard they are working to remain at the top! Students in the assembly had to pick a number from the board which randomly linked to someone in the top ten from the leader board, which on this occasion was Diana M. Diana also won a £200 prize of her choice. To be in with the chance of winning next half term, pupils need to have shown attendance to period 6 or the LRC from January 2025 onwards. We will be giving away two £150 prizes.

The Y11 team hope that Year 11 have a restful festive period ready to start their final 5 months before exam periods start - we look forward to welcoming them back in 2025!

Ms Casie Wright

Year 11 Progress Leader & AAP Secondment



1 - Results day

Sixth Form

We've had another great term in the life of 6th Form.

Year 13 students have been very busy with their final submissions of **UCAS applications**. Many of our students have already received offers from their universities of choice and looking forward to entering these institutions next year.

Our **Mock Results day** held on 10th December was filled with mixed emotions: many students were excited to open and reveal their great results, while others were disappointed with their grades but determined to brush themselves off and set new targets in order to achieve their post-18 goals.

Also on 10th December, Year 12 students, Debby D and Alfie R, represented Wrenn at the annual **CET Public Speaking competition** held this year in Leicester. Both speakers presented on the theme 'In our hands' and did themselves and the school proud.

As usual, 6th Formers have supported our annual **Food Bank drive** in which we have donated much needed supplies to the community. This sense of community spirit is something that we are immensely proud of.

6th formers have also got involved in the recent **Bar Mock Trials** held in Oxford. The roles they performed were usher, defendant and jury members.

The EPQ students also had the opportunity to visit the University of Northampton on 3rd December, where they received valuable information on research skills and had access to the resources that the university has to offer.

Success Assembly was an opportunity to celebrate not only the academic achievements of our students, but also the ways in which they are demonstrating the WRENN core values. We are very proud of all the students who achieved awards this week.

We've ended the term with some festive fun in the form of '**Rag Week**' to raise money for charity, a trip to Chester House for ice-skating and our annual Winter Ball.

Natasha Thomas-Francis

Head of Sixth Form and CIC Co-ordinator

Solomon Theatre with Yr 9

THEATRE IN EDUCATION Communicating societal issues through great drama



[Solomon Theatre Company](#) delivered a fantastic and relatable performance of "**Last Orders**" to our Yr 9's. So much was covered in the hour long drama, covering:

- Drinking
- Relationships
- Vaping
- Peer pressure

Following on from that, students in year 9 were able to take part in what I can only describe as a crossover between a Q&A with the cast, and veering a little towards a Jeremy Kyle program with the BOO's towards the lad who thought he was all that.

With the more and more cases affecting young people, it's more important than ever to equip them with the knowledge to make good decisions, and how even the smallest choice can slowly slip into other more serious situations.

I can say with confidence that this delivered a healthy perspective, and good advice to all that watched, most of which were already clued up on the right's and wrong's. We also went deeper into the specific facts on:

- Alcohol - The units, the affects, health,
- Sex - What is actual consent? The consequences, the STI's
- Legal - Who is responsible, what are the long term outcomes, criminal charges,
- Relationships - Who should you listen to?
- Where to get help - What is available and where should your child or anyone they/you know can go if they experience anything like this.

We realise these topics can be sensitive. If your child has been affected by this performance, or would like to speak to someone about some of the subjects covered, they can contact:

Julie Austin julie.austin@wrennschool.org.uk





House Team Captains

There making history. A huge **Congratulations** to our **first House Captains!**

They have the privilege of working closely with the other Houses and House Captains to create engaging and fun House challenges, also some mini challenges too.

On the 14th November, it was announced that the following will be leading their teams:

DRAGONS

Shumaya K

Noah H

May C

Liliana S

Lezhan B

Mr Jason Gay - Head of House, Dragons 🐉



LIONS

Lily C

Ava S

Rosabelle C-W

Clara R

Maisy W

Mr Adam Payne - Head of House, Lions 🦁



STAGS

Olivia K

Hillary A

Daniel G

Lilith F

Sofia N

Ms Julie Auston - Head of House, Stags 🦌



House Challenges



2 - Lions vs Dragons & Stag



The games have begun!

House Competitions so far. Students and staff have risen to the challenges of the house competitions and we have all had loads of fun! The lead has changed several times. With many more challenges to come the games will continue. House Captains have been nominated and have brought more ideas to the table.

Corridors are alive with..... GO STAGS! LIONS ARE BEST! DRAGONS RULE!

Well, the games have begun, the competition is strong!

T-shirt designs, logos and songs, How many words in a word to be found,

Penalty shoot outs goalkeepers standing their ground,

Story time with an elephant and hot air balloon,

Talk like a pirate with a golden dabloon,

Pay it forward with kindness, smiles and more,

The spelling B has started, we have words galore,

Let's get ready for the next set of fun,

Stags, Lions and Dragons working together as one!

Wrote by our very own **Ms Austin**

Please join us in congratulating our...

Whole School 'Story Time' Winner: Akua

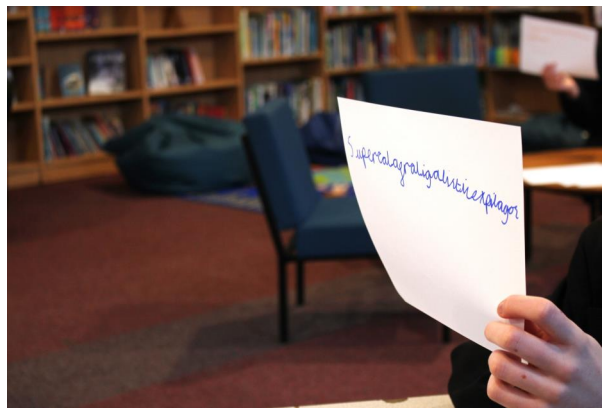
Dear Auntie Sharon. - Akua
- LION!!

miss you loads but you need to get your
stag under control. That treasone creature
just jumps around the place kicking
it's legs in the air. It Got to the point
where it kicked baby Polly straight
around the face (bless her soul). it's
got to much storming and needs an
elephant size tranquilizer dart. Honestly
it's a danger to the family & community.
But I didn't write this letter just to
complain, I've got abit of gossip xxx ^{Hot}
The other day when I was up in the air
balloon with Phil I looked down and
you honestly wouldn't believe what I saw.
It was uncle teddy was trying to fight a
dragon. No word of a lie I think He's off
his meds because He's not as kind as He
used to be and I think He's lost His
will to live. especially since after his
daughter Beatrice move to south Africa to
raise lions. You can tell she's very conscientious
though. Anyways say hi to Barty for
me and stay off the baileys (you know
that's only for Christmas time)
Love you Loads.
Lincoln.

Spelling Bee

Another way to wake everyone up in the morning, is with a good ol' fashion Spelling Bee. This was the Final and with everything to play for, they were all eager to try their best. Everyone in classrooms were able to participate too, because this was also Livestreamed.

Upper School:



3 - Nearly...

Lower School:

Which word do you think Ms Austin was dancing along to, is it?

- A) Kaleidoscope
- B) Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
- C) Yacht
- D) Onomatopoeia

Obviously it was Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. of which 2 of our students actually got it correct! (*come on, be honest, you had to check google too*)

Onomatopoeia was the most surprising! Many got this right!

House points went to all who took part in the final. Any with 5 or more correct will also get extra points, with the winning house getting points for everyone in their House!

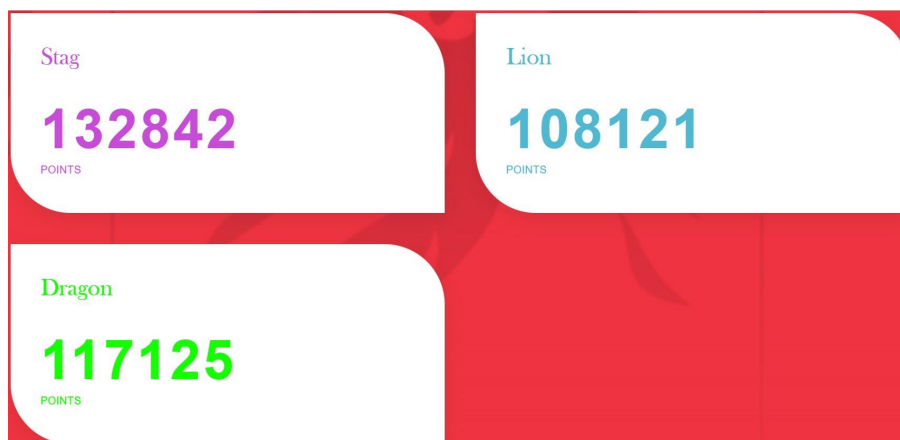
No-one spelt **Obfuscate** correctly and the spelling of **Diaphanous** was... interesting!

Onomatopoeia was the most surprising! Many got this right! 👍



The result so far..

As we draw 2024 to a close, here's the results so far:



You can keep an eye on House points via the sparkly new website:

<https://www.wrennschool.org.uk/>

Wrenn Badge awarded to..

Well done to the first students who have received their Wrenn Character '**Work Hard**' badge. This has been awarded to students who have received **200 work hard house points** and a high completion rate of homework. Well done to Lewis R in Year 10, Josh F in Year 8, Lillia in Year 7 and Mishree in Year 9.

This is a fantastic achievement already!

In Christmas Art Club



The students have had a great time attending a number of different extra curricular clubs. The new clubs will start back in January, please look on the new clubs list.

Sixth Form Open Evening

WRENN SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING 6pm - 8pm
Thursday 7TH November 2024
Information talk at 6:30pm - Booking not required

History
Geography
Politics
Product Design
Fine Art
Photography
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Performing Arts
BTEC PE
Extended Certificate
BTEC Applied Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics

French
Spanish
Polish
Computer Science
Business Studies
Health & Social Care
Law
Sociology
Psychology
Extended Project
English Literature
English Language
Religious Education

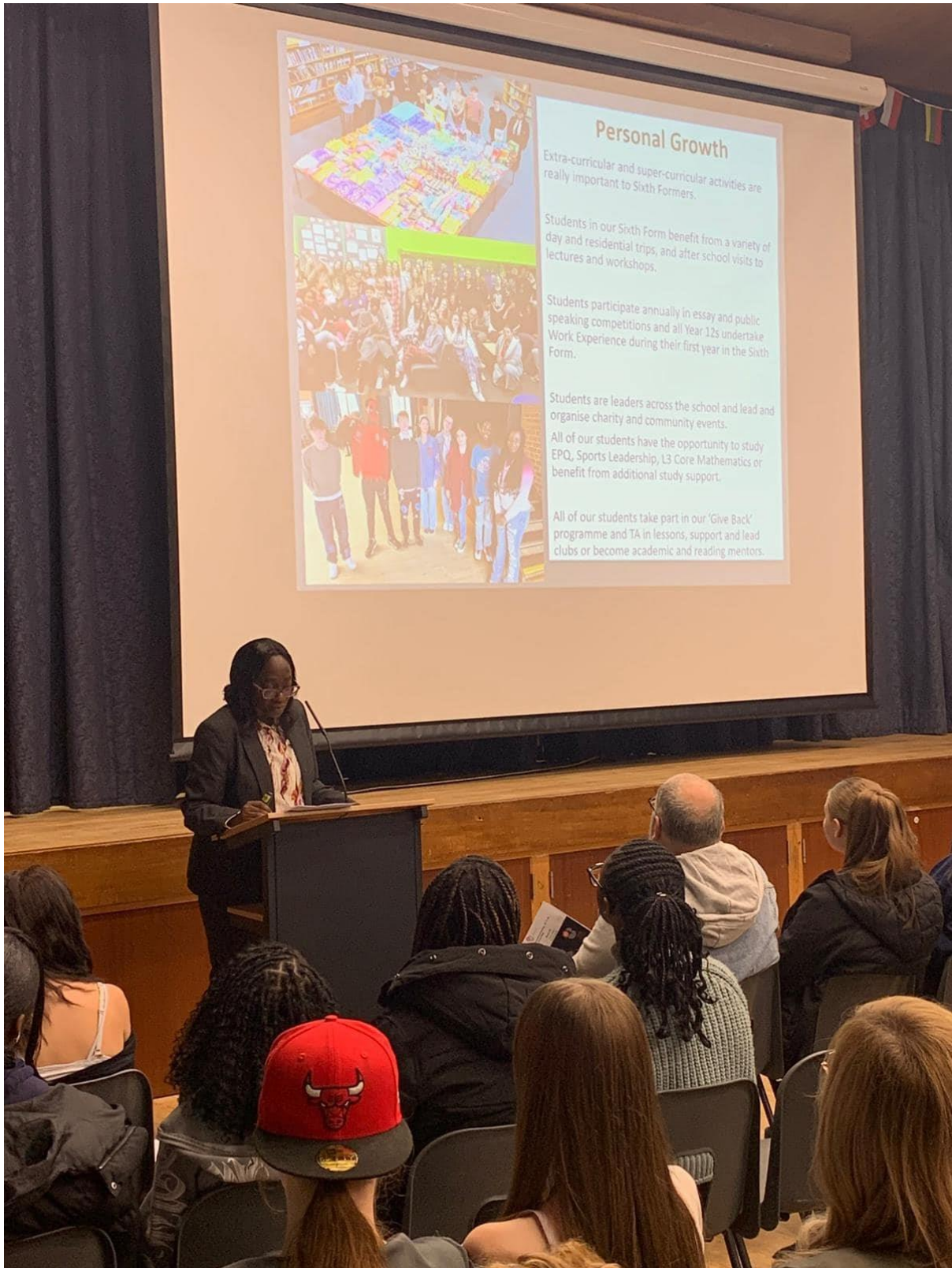
General enquiries: enquiries@wrennschool.org.uk
Wrenn School London Road Site: London Road, Wellingborough, NN8 2DQ

On 7th November we opened our doors to a huge number of our year 11s and relatives at our Open Evening, and some others from further afield that are interested in Wrenn's Sixth form.

They heard from our students and teachers, what life in the Sixth Form is like, and what they can expect from their last years of school 🥹🙏 (*Hold back those tears proud parents, they ain't completely finished yet*).

Thank you for attending, we hope to see you again next year.





4 - Head of Sixth Form: Mrs Thomas-Francis



Yr 10 Downing Street Trip



30 Students from year 10 had a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit **10 Downing Street**. Future politicians are certainly in the making. The students ventured into 10 Downing street , go to the cabinet office and also bumped into the PM, Chancellor and the most important, Larry the Cat.

CET Awards



I believe congratulations are in order

Wrenn School received **9 awards** for:

Highest outcomes in Progress 8

- Business
- Child Development and Health & Social Care
- Dance
- Graphics
- History
- iMedia and IT
- Russian
- Textiles
- Highest Outcome: Academic for our A Level results.

Our team put in the extra mile to cater for our cohort, so it's nice once in a while to see a little recognition. They're not exactly allowed to get golden tickets.

Go Team Wrenn!

Wellingborough Twinkle - Lights Switch-on

WELLINGBOROUGH
Twinkle
CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON & MARKET

*Sat 30th
Nov*

2pm - 6pm

MARKET ST

www.wellingboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk

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 **Wellingborough**
Town Council

Wrenn Choir



There's nothing like spending time with the family, a hot drink, a cozy scarf and a bustling town market. It might be a bit chilly, but that didn't stop our **Choir, Mrs Morris and Miss Zoboky** from giving the town a wonderful atmosphere for the Light-Switch on.

Their arrangements of...

- Merry Christmas Everyone
- Somewhere Only We Know
- Snowman

... drew in a huge crowd. Thank you to all the staff and Wellingborough Council that made this event possible. It's a huge platform for the students and a real boost for the local community.

"Wow that girl can really sing"



5 - NMPAT

Also Joining the party, NMPAT. This one's a bit like a "Where's Wally Challenge". Can you spot any Teachers or Students?



Also the same day: Glenvale Park Grand Opening.

Our very own Esme and Kenley in NMPAT Wellingborough band celebrated the opening of the new Co-op and Bewitched. It added to a wonderful atmosphere with many carols to go with a warm, FREE crumpet or Tea cake.

Well done! and welcome Glenvale to our wonderful community.



There are so many opportunities throughout the year for our musicians to perform, including:

- School Events - Summer Showcase, Spring Concert, Graduation and more
- Wellingborough Carnival (Summer)
- Wellingborough Light Switch-on
- Wrenn 50th Anniversary
- Wrenn's Got Talent
- CET Orchestra & Choir
- Assemblies

Please check out our [Extra Curriculars](#) page for our music clubs

NMPAT also have their own performances planned and if you play in one of their bands (*the closest to us is **NMPAT Wellingborough Centre** - located at St Christopher Hatton school*), then you can also play in those.

<https://nmpat.co.uk/about/centres/nmpat-wellingborough-centre/>

NMPAT have a limited number of spaces still available for **Piano, Guitar** (Acoustic or Classical) or **Woodwind**: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone.

If your child would also like to take part in future events, or begin to play an instrument, please speak with our Music Department:

Miss Zoboky - Music Teacher - Choir Conductor - francesca.zoboky@wrennschool.org.uk

Mr Grainger - NMPAT Coordinator - Acoustic Collective Band Leader - james.grainger@wrennschool.org.uk

CET Orchestra & Choir

The Cross-Trust Orchestra and Choir have started their rehearsals for the year. So much talent in one room and the choir sounded particularly fantastic! They get together a few times a year to rehearse at different schools, build friendships and hone their skills. This year features our very own:

- String quintet - *Noah & Patricia*
- Trumpet Trio - *Robin*
- Flute Choir - *Esme & Robin*
- Choir - *Kiera, Pola, Natalia, Victoria, Daisy*

If your child would like to work towards being part of this, we recommend starting off taking music lessons, or joining the Wrenn Orchestra. The ability to read sheet music is a must, but adaptations can be made for different abilities.





Shakespeare Festival



On 4th December, Wrenn's collaboration with the schools of CET made for a fantastic day. The creative spin from this year's Macbeth meant that each school did a section of the same play. I know what you're thinking "*How would that work?*". Well, quite amazing in fact, with some masks, costumes and terrific acting from our very own, the day was filled with drama and suspense.

For some parents, you may have been able to enjoy the livestream from the comfort of your own home, or maybe dialled into it on your break from work. We hope it gave many of you a chance to watch it, especially the ones who would have had to come from far across the country.

If you think your child might be interested in this for next year, We will be holding auditions later in the year. **Miss Trkulja** (*Drama teacher*) is the one to speak to.

Box Clever Theatre Company

What an immersive performance! Upper School saw a modern take of "A Christmas Carol". Sitting in a Round really helped bring them closer to the performance. Breaking the fourth wall brought them in further, and by the end, everyone was captivated by the ghosts and Scrooge.

The modern take saw Scrooge, a business man fighting to make the deal of the year, and his employee, a home cleaner, struggling to make ends meet. Scrooge's lively performance included the audience in his journey, asking their opinions throughout, along with getting a few laughs.

We hope this has inspired them as they prepare for their second round of English Literature mock exams in February.

Thank you so much Box Cleaver! We can't wait to have you back again.



Wrenn's Musical 2025

Students have voted on their choice for this years Musical.

This Year Wrenn will be presenting:



We are aiming high with this one!

Auditions for an all singing and dancing cast will be held the **first Tuesday (7th Jan) back** after the Christmas Holidays, Room AA5, after school.

There are hundreds of students wanting to get involved in this production. Emails have been sent out to students with the material for them to practice over the half term, and paper copies were available too. If you've been hearing "**Naughty**" on repeat, we are not sorry 😊. If being on the stage isn't their thing, they will also have the opportunity to work backstage and design the set, It's all hands on deck!

Even though plenty of work will go into this, there will be many fun hours that will last a lifetime. If your children have been inspired by the latest Wicked film, and are thinking of the endless possibilities that the performing arts can offer, please encourage them. We obviously want them to try their best, but there is no pressure to be a ready made star right off the bat.

We are aiming for a **June/July performance** and can't wait to see you all

Become an Academy Council Member

EXCITING NEWS

We currently have 2 vacancies for a Parent/Carer Academy Council Member.

Becoming a parent academy council member is a rewarding opportunity to give back to your local community and use your skills and experience to ensure that pupils get the best possible education.

Academy Council

The Academy Council (AC) is a sub-committee of the Creative Education Trust Board of Directors. It is accountable to the Board of Directors and is its local presence. It may include representatives from such groups as the school community, the local community and other local organisations and businesses as appropriate.

The main functions of the AC are:

- supporting CET's plans for the school as set out in the ADIP, SEF and annual budget
- providing understanding of the local context and the challenge that the local environment presents
- acting as a sounding board for senior leaders, especially the Principal or Head Teacher
- providing regular monitoring of health and safety matters, safeguarding provision, the welfare of looked after children, and provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- building and maintaining positive local perceptions of the school
- building and maintaining relationships with the local and regional business community
- building and maintaining relationships with community partners (e.g., health services, police, social services)
- undertaking local fundraising

There are 4 meetings per academic year and the successful parent/carers member would be required to attend each meeting. They will be invited to attend school events and will build relationships with the school community.

If you feel that you would like to be part of the Wrenn School Academy Council and have skills that will contribute to building on the success of the school, please express your interest by completing an application form, using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7mRVp82kzf>

Applications will close at 3pm on Friday 10th January 2025.

Careers News

Barclays Life Skills Session - Year 10 - 3rd and 4th December.

Our year 10 students started their Life Skills sessions this term. These sessions are designed to get students thinking about some of the skills required in the working world, alongside how to apply and interview for future careers.

These sessions will be run throughout the academic year and students will focus on the following areas.

- Adaptability
- How to write a CV
- Interview Skills
- Workplace Behaviors

We were lucky enough to be joined by a Barclays volunteer on one of the days who could share with the students their experiences and advice.

Dale Willis Project 13 - Year 13

To give our Year 13 students the best chance of success at their Post 18 plans we asked students that were looking to obtain an apprenticeship to join the Dale Willis Project 13. This project consists of 4 workshops in which they will look at their CV's, personal branding, LinkedIn and how to smash an interview. With the hopes that they will be successful in their apprenticeship hunt.

The students have completed 2 of the 4 workshops already and have got some amazing CV's as a result.

In the Spring term the students will finish the final 2 workshops to ensure they have sufficient time to apply to and interview for degree apprenticeships.



6 - Dale Willis Project 13

Sixth Form - Lunch and Learn

We kicked off our exciting lunch and learn sessions this term with the founder of Wellingborough Wills coming in to speak to our students about how he started off this venture and the type roles available within the industry. The learning objective of these sessions is to allow students to explore different industries they may never have thought of, to help them identify potential future careers.

Our exciting opportunities for our Years 12 and 13 continue into the Spring Term with the following sessions booked in.

15th January - Wealth Management

29th January - Weatherby's Bank

5th February - Chester House

12th February - Khrono LTD

12th March - Town Clerk

19th March - The DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) and Careers in the Civil Service.

Careers within Education is governed by 8 Gatsby Benchmarks, these have recently been updated to enable them to better meet the needs of students. These new benchmark amendments will come into play in September 2025. To see more information on these changes please see the Gatsby webpage - <https://www.gatsbybenchmarks.org.uk/updated-benchmarks/>

As a school we are busy trying to ensure that our Careers programme fulfill the needs of all of our students.

With the amendment of these benchmarks your feedback on our programme is all the more essential to us. Therefore can I please ask that if you have any thoughts or questions around the full careers programme, please feel free to complete the feedback form using the link below or by scanning the QR code below.

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



Sports



Athletics

A fantastic result for our **indoor athletics teams** and in particular the girls in Year 7 who finished 3rd overall in the District and the Year 8 girls who finished 2nd. We wish the girls in Year 8 all the very best because they will be competing in the County School's Final in the New Year.

U13 Girls Football

A big well done to the girls who played against Ferrers and Huxlow on 14th November.

A **2-0** defeat against Huxlow definitely gave the girls the hunger to beat Ferrers. **1-0** (who we honestly think are the strongest team in the district). It will be a close run league table to see who qualifies for the District Final.

Keep overcoming adversary girls, you're doing us proud!

[Cross Country Success](#)

Congratulations to the students on their success in representing the school, at the annual district cross country (20th Nov). All of the students showed great resilience throughout the day and worked incredibly hard despite the frosty weather.

Massimo C

Jack B

Wissam K

Samuel W

Mason J

George T

Jacob D

Lucian C-E

Michael E

Oliver C

Ruben J

David S

Urte

Nadia S

Edie T

Nicole L

Isla J

Lucy C

Barbara S

Mia C

Sophia D

They have all received a **golden ticket** 🎫 and some **house points** 🍷 🐼 🐶, but nothing beats praise! if you don't mind, an extra pat on the pack from you would be an extra treat. They deserve it!

An extra shout out to:

Ruben J, who finished in 2nd place!!! 🏆

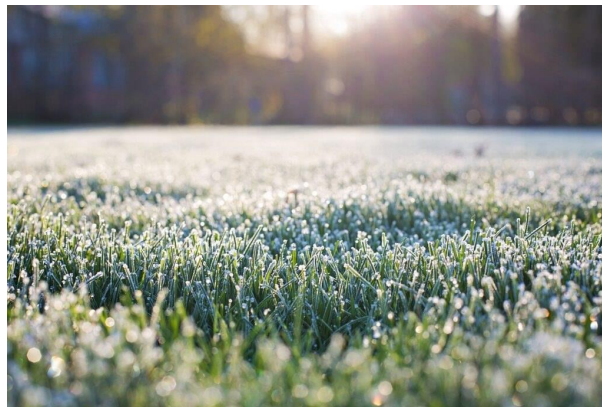
Samuel W, who finished in 4th place!!!

Sophia D, who finished in 8th place!!!

Oliver C, who finished in 11th place!!!

Jacob D, who finished in 12th place!!!

These students will now be selected to **represent the district** at a **county event**, later this year.



Give Something Back



[Donate and Take](#)

Thank you again to those that took part in the donate and take. We all have to do our part, and whether you are doing it to help the environment by re-using, or to help out those in need, we are so grateful!

Many more families turned up this year, so we'll be carrying this on into next year. If you are thinking of getting rid of any non-electrical items, maybe an unwanted Christmas gifts... pop an email to Julie.austin@wrennschool.org.uk

We hope you all found some goodies too!

[Wellingborough Food Bank](#)

We can't thank you all enough for your donations this year. As you can see, all items are really useful.





If you would like to know more about how you can get involved with this amazing organisation, please contact:

Email us at: info@daylightcf.org

Phone us on: 01933 446 490

<https://www.facebook.com/daylightcentre>



The gift of baking

[Dieters beware]

It's true, there is more happiness in giving, than in receiving. That goes double for this lot of young carers who have been baking with their peers. What a very useful skill to have. We hope you share it with all of your friends and relatives.

Now check out their mountain of cookies, *or look away now if you're trying to be good at one of the most difficult times of the year!*



7 - before...



8 - after



9 - and Fudge!

Christmas Jumper Day



12th Dec

Students and staff got their Christmas Jumpers on with some additions to festive hair accessories, tinsel and some very tall Santa hats, all for a £1 donation. It seems we just can't stop giving this year! I'm sure it will help get you on the "*nice list*", but then again, that's not why we do it.

With all proceeds going to **Save the Children**, we managed to raise **£106** in total across both sites.

Blue coins at Tesco



Keep an eye out towards the end of **January!**

Tesco have used Wrenn as one of the nominees for their donations. This could mean **£1500** if we get the most coins.

If you're doing your shopping, find them behind the sofa, or your 5 year old has them stashed away somewhere in their bedroom, now's the time to use them ●●● = 💰



Dates for the Diary





★Year 9★

Save the date. Soon after Christmas we will be starting Y9 students' journey towards their GCSEs with our Options Evening. It is important that all students, parents/carers attend so that they can make informed decisions about their future.

There will be **two talks**; those in **forms**:

U, N, I and V please come to **Talk 1**.

Those in:

E, R, S, A and L please come to **Talk 2**.

If you can't make your assigned talk, you are welcome to attend the other. This will be based at our **London Road site**.

SAVE THE DATE
Y9 Options Evening
Thursday 16th January

5pm-7pm

Talk 1: 5.30pm (Forms UNIV)
Talk 2: 6.30pm (Forms ERSAL)
At our London Road site

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2025 - Teacher training day

Tue 7th Jan 2025 - School Opens

Tue 7th Jan - Matilda Musical Auditions - AA5 - 3:15 - 4pm

14th Jan - Maths Residential

16th Jan - Year 9 Options Evening

23rd Jan - Passport to Success Evening

13th Feb - Sixth Form Parents Evening

Fri 14th Feb - End of Term 3

Half term break

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb - School opens Term 4

6th Mar - Year 9 Parents Evening

26th Mar - Year 11 Parents Evening

28th Mar - Sixth Form run, Year 7 Charity Fair

Fri 4th Apr - End of Term 4 at 13:30

More term dates can be found on our website:

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

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