

Principal's Update Newsletter (Sept - Oct)



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A letter from the Principal

As we reach the end of a truly vibrant and inspiring term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the remarkable things that have taken place here at Wrenn. It has been a term filled with ambition, excellence, the warmth of our community spirit shown through the new House System, and I could not be prouder of the achievements of our students and staff alike.

Our students have once again demonstrated resilience, creativity, and a commitment to their personal and academic growth.

This term has been brimming with exciting events and activities. The Sixth Form had the privilege of hosting MP Gen Kitchen for an insightful talk that inspired our future leaders. Our Student Parliament continues to grow in confidence, ensuring student voices are heard and contributing to our school's development. And let's not forget the incredible achievements of those who participated in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge—well done to all who took part!

We have seen immense creativity and talent throughout the term, especially during the Shakespeare Stage and Costume Design Workshop. Students were able to step into the world of theatre, honing their artistic skills and collaborating with professionals. Culture Day was another standout, with students celebrating diversity and learning about different cultures in a day full of music, dance, and international cuisine.

In Careers News, students have been actively exploring future pathways, with a variety of workshops, college visits, and apprenticeship talks ensuring they are well-equipped to make informed decisions about their next steps.

Our sports teams have had a tremendous term, with the U14's advancing in the County Cup—an exciting journey that we look forward to continuing. Their determination and team spirit have been inspiring, as has the overall participation in sports across the school.

Wrenn's generosity continues to shine through our charity efforts. We are immensely proud of our students for their involvement in the Sri Lanka Book Donation, which will have a lasting impact on communities abroad. Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was another great success, bringing staff and students together to raise funds for a worthy cause. The "Donate and Take" initiative, encouraging sustainability and recycling, has been equally well-received, embodying the spirit of care that is central to our school's values. Watch this space for it's return!

We are also thrilled to share that Wrenn School has been nominated for the prestigious NEA Awards, with the ceremony taking place on the 29th of November. This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire school community and is a testament to the ethos we live by: Ambition and Excellence with Care for All.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire Wrenn School community—our students, staff, parents, and guardians. Together, we have made this term one to remember. I wish you all a restful and joyous holiday and look forward to an equally exciting and successful Christmas term ahead.

With best wishes,

Laura Parker

Term round-ups

Year 7

Year 7 have now completed their first term here at Wrenn, and we hope they have now settled nicely into their new routines. It can be a major change, going from the oldest kids in the school, to the youngest. Not to mention finding new classrooms, learning the Wrenn way "*purple pens and mini white boards at the ready!*", computer logins, homework, a different lunchtime and making some new friends too.

Remember, there are people to turn to when you need help, such as your Form Tutor, Heads of Year, and the school clubs are a great place to start if you would like to surround yourself with people who have the same interests.

They will also be the first year group to have been placed in our brand new Houses, right from the start. They have enjoyed our House Challenges, won prizes, gained house points - **A MIGHTY... 16,911 POINTS!** (hopefully not lost too many either 😊) and I'm sure got a 📖 Golden Ticket or 2 for having a "Wow" moment.

Enjoy the half term! It was a long 8 weeks, you deserve a well earned break.

Miss Charlotte Gibbs

HEAD OF YEAR 7

Year 8

Thank you to all students involved with the Y6 open evening, it was such a good turn out and was lovely to see so many people volunteering to help.

It has also been so nice to see so many year 8 pupils being recognised for their hard work and positive attitudes. Since we came back in September there have been over **23,000 house points** given to year 8 students alone, and 187 students in the year group receiving zero negatives. As this was such a huge number, I put all names into a random name wheel and picked 3 students to receive prizes. This is something that I will continue to do during every half term assembly.

I asked tutors and teachers to pass on names to anyone who stood out in their lessons and received over 40 names! all those names mentioned will be receiving a certificate when we come back in November.

What a fantastic start to the year, keep up the hard work year 8! 😊

Miss Beth Jerrett

YEAR 8 PROGRESS LEADER, GEOGRAPHY TEACHER

Year 9

It was great to welcome the pupils back in September; they were full of enthusiasm and their uniform was immaculate. It has been a long term so there have been many achievements. So far, we have had football success, kickboxing success, and figure skating success. The pupils have been so forthcoming with pictures, stories and videos of their extra curricular activities; we love seeing these!

Pupils have settled back into lessons well and their books show that they are embracing all of the Wrenn values in every lesson. The Golden Ticket draw will feature so many tickets already - testament to the efforts that have been put in.

The new House system has been launched and the pupils have embraced this. It is wonderful to see the passion that students have for their House and the effort that they are putting into challenges.

Froggy Friday has become a firm favourite with the year group; students love coming in on a Friday morning to find the tiny frogs that are hidden around. Thank you to the attendance team for this boost!

Next half term we will be introducing the Graduation Criteria so that all students know what to aim for by the end of the year. We will also be preparing to launch options information for GCSEs so that conversations can begin about the right path for each individual (how are we at that stage already?)

We have achieved so much and have so much yet to complete. For now, enjoy a restful break and recharge the batteries for the countdown to Christmas!

Mrs Helen Mainprize

HEAD OF YEAR 9

Year 10

Our first half term on London Road is complete! Hooray!

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to London Road and with their GCSEs. Already students have impressed me with their commitment to their courses, particularly our Business Studies students who have worked tirelessly to get their first piece of coursework completed. These students have shown an outstanding work ethic giving up a lot of their own free time.

The Wrenn assessments have taken place in the last few weeks, and we will be giving feedback to students when we return after half term. In our celebration assembly and golden ticket prize draw this week, we have celebrated lots of brilliant hard work within our year group in the first 7 weeks.

Going forward into the second half of the autumn term, students will be continuing work towards their GCSEs and preparation for assessment point 1 which is in February. Wishing you all a lovely half term break!

Miss Katie Lawman

HEAD OF YEAR 10

Year 11

Our current Y11 cohort have kicked off their last academic year with a **BANG!**

We are so proud of how our students have risen to the challenge of Y11 and this term has seen some fantastic engagement to progress opportunities, taking part in the new House system and their points mean prizes initiative.

Here are some celebratory moments for Y11 this half term:

- Visiting our small cohort of Year 11 pupils who went to **Rock UK** in Irchester to work on extra maths and do some rock-climbing activities. We saw Libby in Year 11 single handedly take on the rest of the group on a maths Kahoot quiz with a winning question streak of over 70! We also enjoyed seeing Lezhan completing an extra maths paper in the evening - great attitude to learning!
- We had an 80% turn out to our Year 11 Passport to Success evening, an increase on last year. It was so lovely to see so many faces for the talk.
- We kicked off **Points Mean Prizes**, a year 11 only rewards system, on the 16th September 2024 - Currently on the top of the leaderboard is Jamie K, closely

followed by Diana M. Your child can gain points during half term by attending some of the revision sessions we are hosting.

- Linking to points mean prizes, we have given away two prizes to year 11s (at random) who have been engaging in period 6 sessions - huge well done to Mati and Jaylisa who will be enjoying a prize of their choice up to a value of **£150 each**.
- We are super proud at how many Year 11s are grasping opportunities after school to challenge misconceptions and develop their skills and knowledge further. In fact, 190 pupils have attended a P6 session this half term. 130 of those have attended three or more sessions and 96 of those have attended five or more sessions. **Top attenders** are Jamie K, Cian L and Liliana S.
- Year 11 are also smashing it with their attendance. As a cohort, they have a higher attendance at this snapshot in time than they did as year 10s. Keep it up!
- For the house system, three of our year 11s have had house captain interviews this week. We cannot wait to see if Olivia K, Lezhan B or Liliana S have made it as a house captain... Very exciting!
- Year 11 have earned more than **37,000 house points** in one term... Wowza!

Moving into next half term, we are really excited to see your child's Assessment Point (AP) mocks which start on the 4th November. The timetable can be found here https://www.wrennschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/ilovepdf_merged.pdf

To support students with revision, we are holding some revision sessions this October half term. We understand the importance of your child needing a rest so there is no expectation for students to attend every session, however if they want to pop in for a couple of hours over the half term we would love to see and support them. We are also opening up a room for some independent revision should your child need a familiar and quiet place to revise.

I hope your child has a lovely and restful half term and the year 11 team look forward to welcoming them back for the Christmas term.

Ms Casie Wright

Y11 PROGRESS LEADER

Upcoming key dates:

Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 students: Thursday 7th November 2024

Y11 Parents Evening: Thursday 12th December 2024

	Monday 28th	Tuesday 29th	Wednesday 30th	Thursday 31st
Session 1 - 9.00am - 10.45am	Business Y11 - NJK (CP2) English Y11 Lang Paper 1 Q4/5- ALS (3) English Y11 AIC - CGB Spanish Y13 - LTC Computing Y11 - JTN Library Self-Study - DBI	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) Spanish Y11 - LTC Library Self-Study - KW English Y11 Poetry Anthology - HCY IT Y13 - JTN	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) Library Self-Study - KW Art/Textiles/Photography Y11 - KHN Law Y13 - MDS	A-Level Psychology (Y13) - CWT Maths Higher Y11 - NGN Maths Foundation Y11 - BDO Science Y11 - Required Practicals - PCN
Session 2 - 11.00am - 12.45pm	Business Y11 - NJK (CP2) English Y11 Lang Paper 1 Q4/5- ALS (3) English Y11 AIC - CGB Spanish Y13 - LTC Computing Y11 - JTN Library Self-Study - DBI	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) Spanish Y11 - LTC Library Self-Study - KW English Y11 Poetry Anthology - HCY IT Y13 - JTN	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) Library Self-Study - KW Art/Textiles/Photography Y11 - KHN Law Y13 - MDS	Applied Psychology (Y12) - CWT Maths Y11 - NGN Maths Higher Y11 - NGN Maths Foundation Y11 - BDO Science Y11 - Required Practicals - PCN
Lunch - 12.45pm - 1.15pm				
Session 3 - 1.15pm - 3pm	Business Y11 - NJK (CP2) English Y11 Lang Paper 1 Q4/5- ALS (3) English Y11 AIC - CGB Spanish Y13 - LTC Computing Y11 - JTN Library Self-Study - DBI	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) Spanish Y11 - LTC Library Self-Study - KW English Y11 Poetry Anthology - HCY IT Y13 - JTN	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) Library Self-Study - KW Art/Textiles/Photography Y11 - KHN Law Y13 - MDS	
Reception	WJH	DDN	DDN	WJH
First Aid	DBI	DDN	DDN	WJH
Lead	JCN	JG	JSR	CWT

Sixth Form

This Sixth Form have hit the ground running this academic year! Our year 13 students have started back with a positive attitude and are prepared for the year ahead. We have also welcomed our new cohort of year 12 students who have settled in well and have engaged with academic, social and charity events. Year 12 have started their Level 3 courses and have had assessments on content studied to date. Our year 13 students will be completing mock exams after the October half term break and we wish them all the best.

The Sixth Form leadership team and tutors have supported year 13 students with writing their **personal statements** and getting their UCAS applications completed. UCAS applications for students applying for Oxbridge and early entry courses, such as medicine, have been submitted to the universities. Some students have already received offers from universities.

In our **PSHE** sessions this term, we have had **local MP, Gen Kitchen**, share her experience on working in politics. Students had the opportunity to participate in a debate on the topic: 'Should the voting age be lowered to 16?'. The cohort voted and "the Nay's had it!". Year 13 have also had sessions on budgeting and they have proactively engaged in mock interview role-plays in preparation for university and apprenticeship interviews. Year 12s have ended the term with a cancer awareness session on the back of Breast Cancer Awareness month, stressing the importance of knowing your own body and checking yourself.

The Royal Literary Fund delivered a workshop to a group of year 12 students in preparation for the **CET essay prize**. Students were able to receive advice from professional writers; this advice will enable them to improve their academic writing skills. We have also launched the **CET public speaking prize** and students who have entered will receive tutorials from **Kalisher Trust Barristers** next term. We will select a representative for the school to enter the competition against other CET schools which takes place in December at Leicester Guildhall.

Finally, our 6th form students continue with their fundraising successes. In September, each form designed a denim garment which were showcased in a fashion catwalk in assembly. Students did this to raise awareness and money for **Jeans 4 Genes**. They have also had a **charity bake sale** for **Macmillan Coffee Morning** and a charity football match between Year 12 and 13 which raised money for **British Heart Foundation**. Stay tuned for an update on how much has been raised to date.

Miss Megan Davies

DEPUTY HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

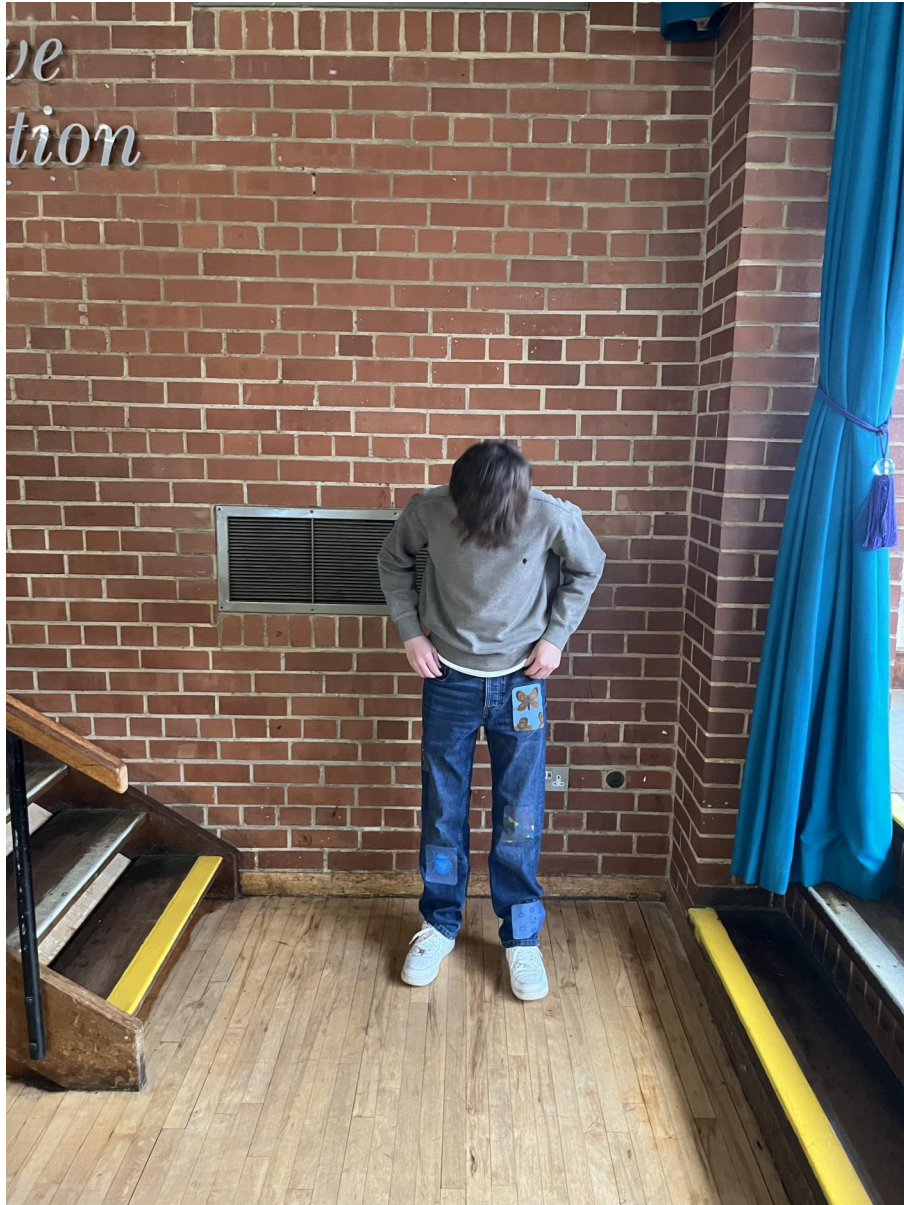
Upcoming key dates:

Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 students: Thursday 7th November 2024

Winter Ball: Thursday 19th December









PSHEE Success

This next one's a bit delayed from the end of last school year. With so much happening towards the end of the year, we wanted to make sure we took the time to give praise where it's due.

Dear reader,

If you are reading this, firstly, thank you very much for taking an interest. Whilst it may appear that I am '*blowing my own trumpet*' in sharing this, and although I am proud of the part I have played, much of the success comes down to each and every one of you as we ALL

contribute to the personal development of our students, which in turn, positively contributes towards their outlook on PSHEE. I appreciate that assessments are very different in PSHEE, but on average our students in each year group are achieving between **80-90%**!

In a recent student voice.....

- 90% of students reported that they enjoyed PSHEE (only 9.3% disagreed/strongly disagreed)
- 86% of students feel they do well in PSHEE and know what they need to develop their understanding of.
- Only 1% of students viewed PSHEE as not being important!
- 71% of students reported that they strongly agreed or agreed that they knew how topics were developed in older year groups.
- 90% of students feel they are taught about a range of useful topics.
- Only 3.1% couldn't see how beneficial PSHEE is to their current and future life.
- Many students commented that they love the power-points, real-life situations, safe space, discussion, routines and 'chunked' structure.

Some really positive feedback I'm sure you will agree! We have had numerous schools asking about our PSHEE curriculum programme and how we deliver personal development across the school.

On a personal note, I would also like to 'publicly' give an extra thanks to.....

- All of those staff who have taught **PSHEE** this year; I know not everyone is always pleased to have it on their timetable, but I couldn't have asked for much more with the enthusiasm and positivity in which it has been delivered. You should all certainly be extremely proud of these student voice results as this is down to you!
- **The SEN department**, in particular **Hannah** and **Tracey** who have helped us develop our programme further for vulnerable students who may need additional learning time on sensitive safeguarding topics. In our recent SEND audit, the visitors commented on how good they thought this additional 'service' is for our students.
- **Daniel Needham** for helping me to deliver the 'nitty gritty' RSE topics to Year 9; 90% of students said they found it useful and informative and found it delivered in an easy to understand way.

- **Year Team Managers** for assisting in the collection of information regarding safeguarding issues with our students and being on hand to help out with students finding certain topics very difficult.
- **Jo Bolton** for inputting Careers work into the programme.
- **Becky Hales** for her invariable encouragement and belief in me (cheesy but true) as well as for all those extra reminders and links in Safeguarding meetings!

Thank you if you continued to read this far and thank you again for ALL the fantastic pastoral care you give our students, which massively contributes towards the success of our PSHEE and personal development.

Regards,

Mrs Laura Rowan

Wren Nominated for NEA Awards



Wrenn are up for the nomination of **Secondary School of the Year** at the **Northamptonshire Education Awards**

And with good reason too (*not that we're bragging or anything*).

On Friday 29th November 2024 the Northamptonshire Education Awards will recognise exceptional local schools, academies, universities, teachers and associated staff.

The NEA shines a spotlight on the hard-working, talented teams in Northamptonshire, the people who work hard for our community and those who inspire others. Here's a little about the award we've been nominated for:

Secondary School of the Year

This award will go to a secondary school that has had exceptional performance in the previous 12 months, or one that has experienced rapid improvement or maintained continued excellence over a longer period.

The judges want to see more than academic achievement and are looking for entries that demonstrate innovation, imagination and efforts to develop students in ways that go beyond league tables.



1 - Doddington Rd Lower school



2 - Sports Day



3 - Shakespeare Festival



4 - DT: Cooking



5 - Outdoors Programme



6 - Volleyball



7 - CET Orchestra



8 - London Rd Upper School

We won this award back in 2020, and we hope to win it again this time round. It's fair to say that with the OFSTED Good rating that was awarded to us last year and the vast opportunities we continue to strive for with our young students, should give us a fighting chance. It's not WHY we do it, but it's nice to see a little recognition.



6th Form Gen Kitchen Talk



9 - Gen Kitchen: Wellingborough MP & Assistant Whip, House of Commons.

An enthusiastic response from our **6th Form students**, hearing what its like to work in politics and getting stuck in with the real debates. [Gen Kitchen for Wellingborough](#) put it to them to decide... Several great points were discussed and put to the students by our very own spokespeople, which leads us to a question Gen put to the students in a "Mock Debate". A relevant topic that is sure to engage our students.

"Should the voting age be lowered to 16?"

Points from **The Nay side**:

- Immature decision making
- Influenced voting
- limited education in politics

The Yay's had some great points too

- Same age as consent for sex
- Would drive interest in politics in education

I must say, things got quite heated, much like in the Houses of Parliament. It was very good to see them all getting into the spirit of things.

so without further delay **the result is in...**

... and the Nay's have it! Count for yourself (don't worry nothings official 😊).

Q&A - The students asked her a few more questions, which lead to the following:

What contributions has she fought for: Better Buses Bill - Working on making it easier to travel around the local area.

Driving test waiting times: Legislation to block Bots (or Scalpers) from buying up tickets; increasing driving test spaces. This would mean investing more money into the DVLA to speed it up.

Education: Educational maintenance grants to help students travel and pay for their living costs, to avoid getting into even more debt, on top of the huge Student loans. The aim is to make it more fair for students to be able to access higher education.

Leisure activities in Wellingborough: Works with Rushden Lakes and Wellingborough to bring more businesses into the area. Increasing buses to the area. There have been a lot more events going on in Wellingborough, for instance there has been an increase in the entertainments/displays/musicians in the town centers on weekends.









House Points



This year we launched our new **HOUSES! Dragon, Lion and Stag**

By now, I'm sure you've all heard which house your child(ren) have been placed in, and whether this has united the students or created some healthy competition, we think it's a step in the right direction.

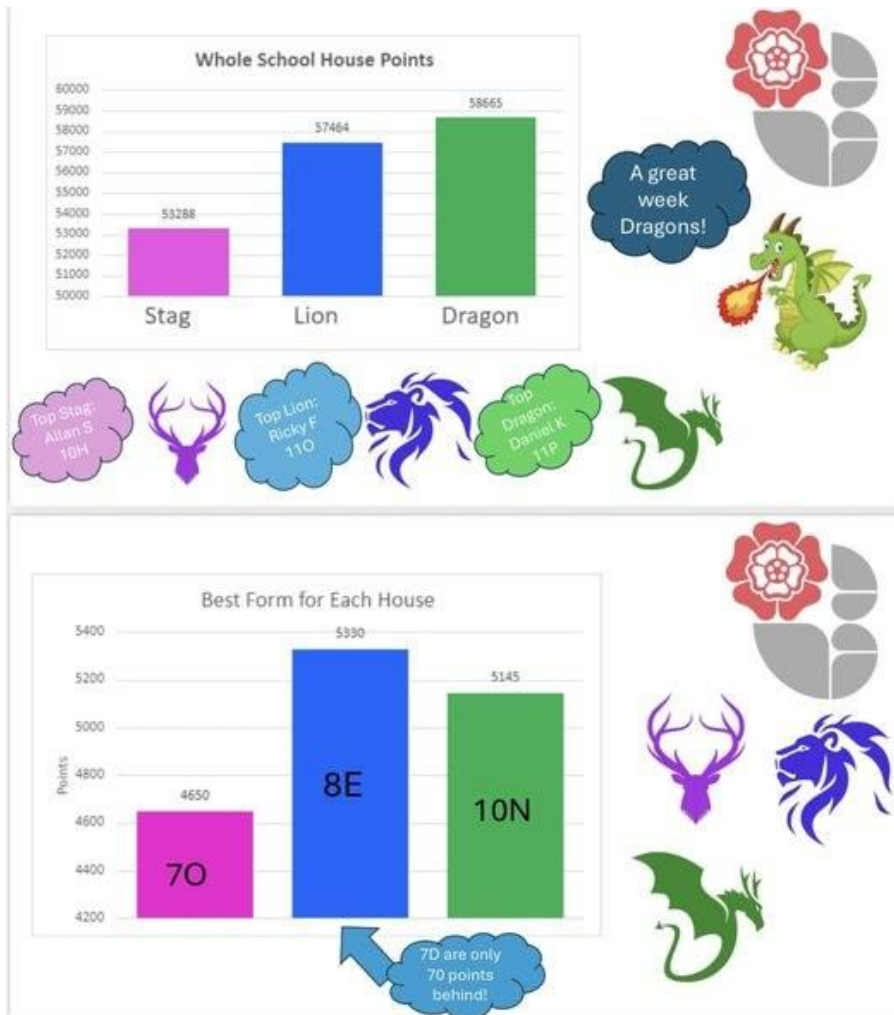
Students across the whole school have been set physical, creative, academic and community based challenges. Each house have topped the leaderboard during this half term and currently Dragon House are in the lead. At the end of this half term the top students from each House are Nicolas (Year 10) and Josh (Year 8) who are top Stags, Ricky (Year 11) and Clara (Year 8) who are top Lions, and Daniel and George (Year 11) who are top Dragons!

The students have been heavily involved in this from the start. Choosing the colour's to represent each house, and taking part in weekly 🐉🦌🐯 **House Challenges** 🐯🦌🐉 to score even more points.

- Penalty Shootout
- Quizzes
- Word Games
- Mascot T-shirt Design
- Talk like a Pirate Day
- Creative Writing: a story, poem etc.
- Hunt the Dragon

Those who applied to be **House Captains** (x22 students!!!) had their interviews to discuss what they would bring to the table. We look forward to hearing who it will be.

House Captains are a new role and will represent the Houses now in school. 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.



10 - Week commencing: 21st Oct

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge



We have just had the results of the **UKMT Senior Maths Challenge** arrive. The Senior Challenge is sat by the brightest and best 6th form mathematicians in the country.

🏆 Gold to the top 11% of students.

🥈 Silver to the top 33%

🏅 Bronze Certificates are awarded to the top 66%

Getting any certificate on the senior maths challenge is an impressive achievement. This year we entered the six students studying further maths in 6th form. The results are as follows:

Oliwer Sajur (Year 12) - 54 - Bronze

Martin Mlynceková-Wright (Year 12) - 55- Bronze

Bohdan Bondar (Year 13) - 65 - Bronze (was 1 mark off Silver)

Emma Hutchinson (Year 13) - 68 - Silver

Dawid Durka (Year 13) - 72 - Silver (Best in Year)

Michal Ahmed (Year 12) - 73 - Silver (Best in School, Best in Year)

To have every student that entered get a certificate is not something that many schools achieve. The students are all also currently participating in the **Ritangle problem solving competition**, which is run by **MEI**, and some of them will also be taking part in the University of Southampton Cipher Challenge.





Mathematics
Education
Innovation

A NEW furry addition - Cookie & Chocolate

Our four legged family has grown once again. Please welcome to the Wrenn Family... 🐹

Cookie & Chocolate!

These two new additions are now residents in our Success Unit. We have had a few people take them home for the out of school hours, I believe all have had kiddies. Beverly the counsellor, took them for a long weekend and her daughter was obsessed, (she wrote us a thankyou card). She even had friends over to meet them. They will be going home in the half term with one of our receptionists, again for her daughter (who attends Wrenn) to spend some time with them during half term. They are getting spoilt and lots of cuddles along the way. Everyone's commented on how cuddly they are and a pleasure to have 😊.





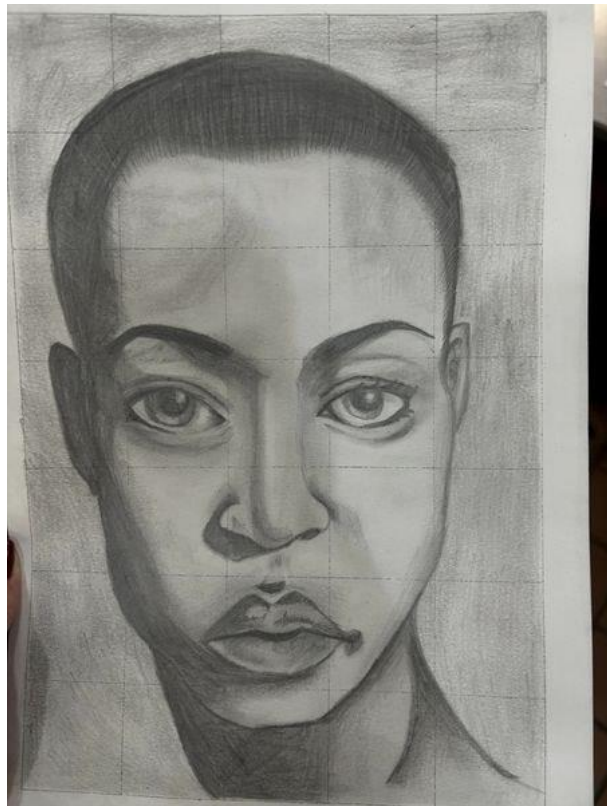
☆ Student Spotlight ☆



We have seen so many talented students and phenomenal art coming out of **year 9**, it's looking like they have a bright future in Art GCSE. see Guosne below with her fantastic attention to detail and drawing skills.



11 - Guosne Yr9





12 - Millie Yr9

The **Year 10's** have also made a terrific start to their GCSE work with their anthropomorphic letterforms that are soon to be translated into Photoshop. Brilliant job!



13 - Rhys, Yr 10



14 - Josh, Yr 10



15 - Max, Yr 10



16 - Theo, Yr 10



17 - Archie, Yr 10



18 - Mia, Yr 10

Shakespeare Stage & Costume Design Workshop

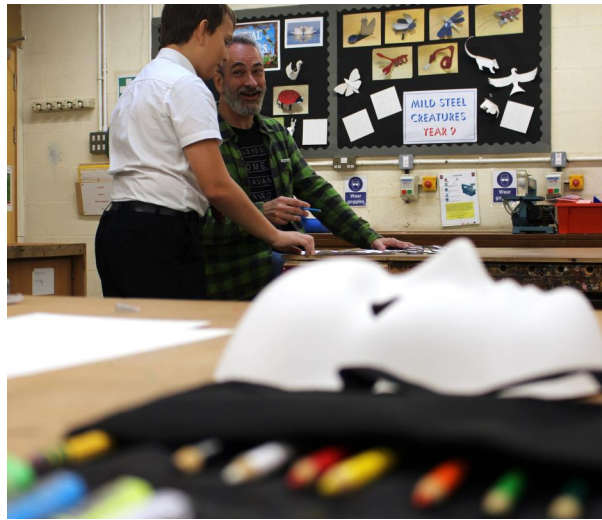
In the run up to our **CET Shakespeare Festival**, some selected year 7 and 8s were getting involved in the design process of our upcoming production.

This years production of **Macbeth** is a collaborative effort, across the trust, with each school playing out a section of the play. This means that all the characters will be changing throughout the show. Costume design is going to play a huge part in the continuity between characters. Something minimal and suggestive, such as a crown helps guide and broaden the imaginations of the viewer.

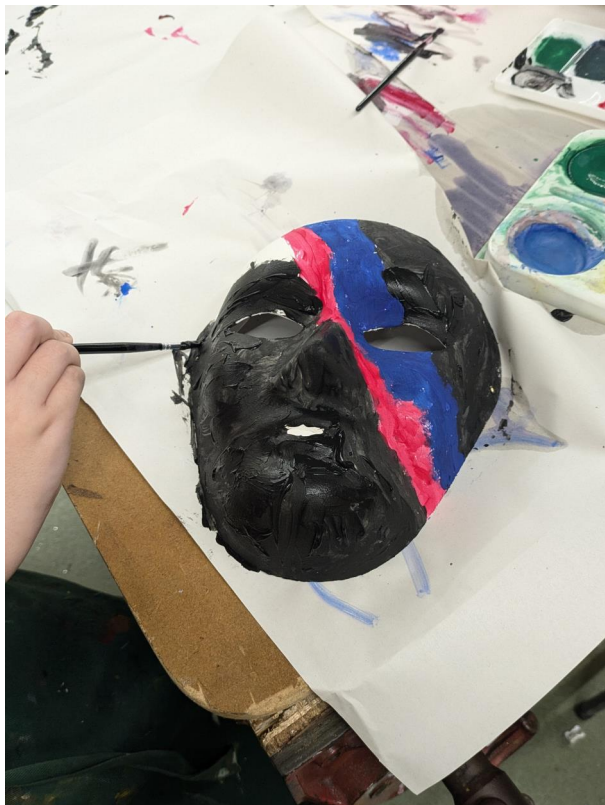
Special guest **Mark Friend** - *Theatre Designer and Director*, ran the workshop, which covered areas such as:

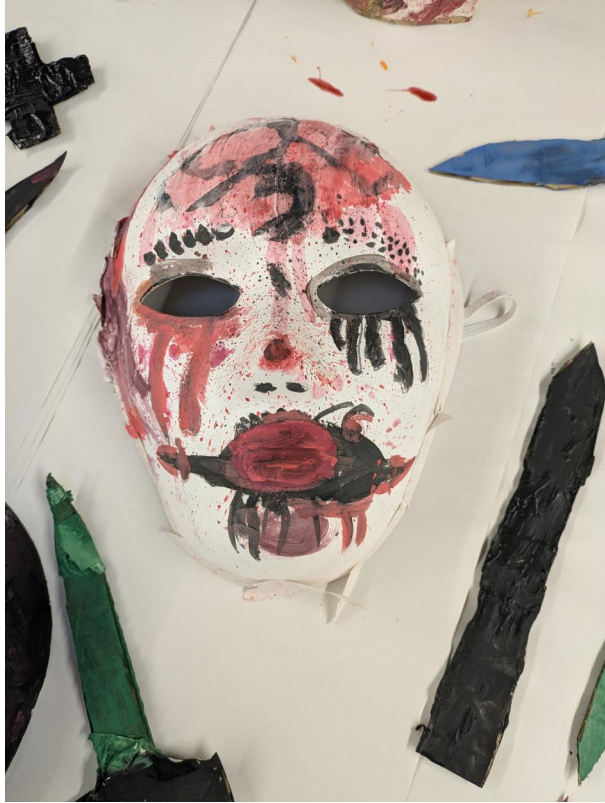
- Stage design - amphitheatres to traditional theatres
- Stage modelling
- Costumes drawings and their characters
- Masks
- Colour representations

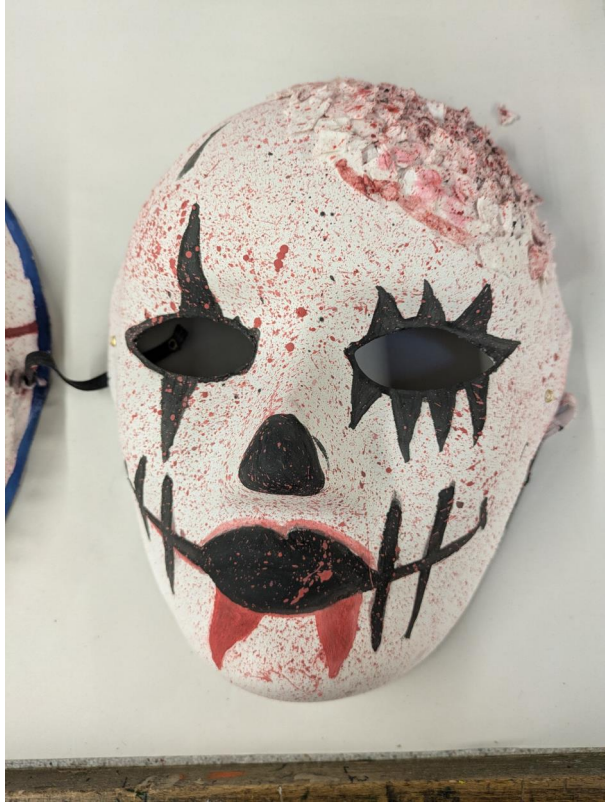
Mark will be running these workshops across the all the CET schools and assisting with the designs, which we are sure will add some continuity and flare to our production of Macbeth.













Culture Day



We celebrate our diversity and our talented students, so it only seemed natural to give them a platform in which to perform acts that represent their backgrounds.

Students have been taking their own initiative to plan the performances for the FIRST EVER Culture Day at Wrenn, and creating dances from both traditional and pop cultures. We saw **Polish** and **Indian** traditional dances, as well as acts celebrating Black artists.

During lunchtime, the handmade jewelry stall and chalk drawing was a big hit, and the 6th form put out a spread of dishes for their peers.

The **worldwide runway finale** was the perfect way to wrap up the show, with representatives from all over:

- Poland
- Africa
- Caribbean

- Italy
- Peru
- Hungary
- Bangladesh
- Romania

All of the upper school years were lucky enough to see these acts throughout the day and learn about a variety of cultures.

The pictures really don't do it justice for the amount of energy it brought to the end of this term.

We would like to thank Favour (our Diversity Prefect and organiser) and our Sixth Form students, Miss Fitzjohn and all the members of staff that helped to organize and produce the acts to make this day possible.

We look forward to seeing what our Sixth Formers plan for next year! We hope for it to be bigger and have even more that our students can immerse themselves into.

















The Food looked incredible! (I'm sure we have to thank some parents for that) and while we tried our best to show you all, I'm afraid those hungry, growing teens, just couldn't wait for it all to arrive at once ha ha!





Our space can be your space

Thinking of hiring out a space for your **events, regular classes, meetings, photo shoots, rehearsals, sports activities** or anything else?

Our space could be perfect for you to use:

Contact for availability:

- Monday - Thursday nights 6pm-9pm
- Sunday mornings 8am-11am

Spaces:

- Main Hall - London Rd
- Main Hall - Doddington Rd *with retractable seating*
- 2 x Gyms
- Classrooms

Contact: michael.boddington@wrennschool.org.uk

It could be perfect!

London Road

Wellingborough

NN8 2DQ

01933 222039



19 - London Rd Main Hall

Doddington Road

Wellingborough

NN8 2JJ

01933 222793





20 - Doddington Rd Main Hall

Astroturf, please contact:

Robert Dabbs

robert.dabbs@wrennschool.org.uk



21 - Astroturf

Careers News

We are really excited to start our new careers programme for this academic year. We have an exciting programme of events for our students this year. If you would like to see a copy of our full careers programme, it can be found on our website at the following address:

<https://www.wrennschool.org.uk/ks5-curriculum/careers-advice#:~:text=Students%20are%20provided%20with%20opportunities,their%20future%20options%20look%20like.>



22 - 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 to he

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

We have had some amazing responses from local businesses with our request for more employers to work with our students over their time at Wrenn School. As a result, we were lucky enough to open our doors to local businesses and organisations to introduce them to our Careers Programme this week, to try to increase the number of businesses that our students have access to throughout their time at school.

Key Events this Academic Year

Face-to-Face Work Experience

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

Monday 7th July - Friday 11th July - Year 10 Work Experience

Prospects Careers Meetings have already started for our Year 11 students and will be continuing throughout the academic year, we will start our Year 12 careers meetings in the Spring Term.

Barclays Life Skills will be happening for our Year 10 students throughout the academic Year - Students in Year 10 will each have 4 workshops, focusing on building confidence, how to write a CV, interview skills and practice interview techniques.

Year 12 UCAS Fair - We will be taking all of our Year 12 students to the yearly UCAS fair. We feel it is important for students to explore all of their options before making their decisions in Year 13.

Sixth Form Lunch and Learn Sessions - We have an exciting array of lunch and learns for our Sixth Form students. These are a great way for students to explore different industries and options Post A Levels.

Destination Assemblies - These have been happening for our Year 11 students during this half term. Students have been exploring what our Sixth Form at Wrenn has to offer them. Students in Year 11 will be receiving assemblies from local colleges and focusing on T Levels and Apprenticeships.

Sports



Flag Football Stars!

★ Toby O in year 9 started playing flag football at school and was spotted playing in the county schools tournament in May by the coach for Northants Ducks. The first weekend back, after starting the year, the Northants Ducks played in the Brit Bowl, the national finals for flag football. Toby was a standout player, and the team went on to be crowned National Champions, one better than we managed as a school this year in the national schools comp.

He is now being lined up for a place in the **GB squad!** With flag football now a sport in the Olympics, who knows where we might be seeing Toby's face!

Charity Events



We can sometimes take for granted just how accessible education is for us in England, but we are doing our bit to make sure that we can be less wasteful in all areas, and helping to educate children wherever we can.

We can thank Mr. Joseph and Denisha Bhojani here at Wrenn for arranging over **2,000** (*very*) old exercise books to be donated to a school in Sri Lanka.

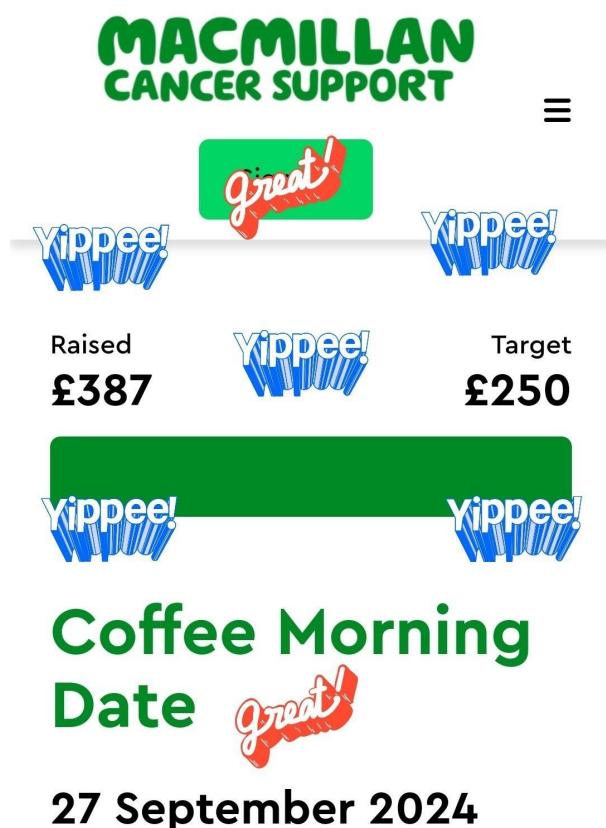
Those students have now received the books and are happy to be continuing their education with one of their most important resources. Could you imagine going to school without a book to write in? To help develop your understanding of a subject, express a creative side, and revisit at a later date to see how far you've come. For these students, It could be something they value very much!







Macmillan Coffee Morning



A HUGE thankyou to all the staff who baked or faked cakes for our coffee morning in October. We raised a whopping £387 and smashed our target for this great cause.

Donate and Take

Thank you all so much for your donations to the "Donate and Take". Over half our items went to new homes! A big thanks to the staff and students who helped to organize it, and also to everyone who turned up to see what they could find.

Lots of goodies up for grabs:

- Clothes
- Boardgames
- Baby toys
- Books
- Uniform

We will be hosting another event on a Saturday in December, and will keep you posted on when we are ready for the next truck load of donations!

**DONATE AND
TAKE SALE**
AT WRENN SCHOOL

**Date: Wednesday 9th October
3.30pm - 5pm**
**Venue - Wrenn School, Doddington Road Hall,
staff carpark entrance**

The idea is for you to bring any unwanted items
along to donate, you will exchange these for tickets
which can then be exchanged for any items
displayed which you need, want or have use for.

NO CASH REQUIRED!

Clothes, toys, household items,
games, baby equipment, cushions,
bric-a-brac.
Anything without a plug!
AND UNIFORM

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Dates for the Diary





23 - Fri 25th October - Last day of term 1

Mon 4th November - School opens (Term 2)

7th November - Sixth Form Open Evening

12th November - Sixth Form Winter Ball

4th December - Shakespeare Festival Performance at Abbeyfield School

12th December - Year 11 Parents Evening

Fri 20th December - 1:30pm school closes (Term 2)

Mon 6th January - Teacher Training Day

Tue 7th January 2025 - School opens (Term 3)

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