

Principal's Update Newsletter (May-July)



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A letter from the Principal

As we come to the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements, valuable lessons, and proud moments for our school community (many of which you will see in the remainder of this newsletter).

Our students have shown remarkable growth not just academically, but also in their confidence, resilience, and character. From outstanding performances in the classroom to sporting successes, creative arts showcases, and community projects, they have made us all incredibly proud.

I've also had the pleasure of working alongside a dedicated staff team who go above and beyond every day to ensure that our pupils are nurtured, challenged, and inspired. I thank them for their passion and commitment throughout the year.

To our Year 11 students, who are moving on to new challenges and opportunities: whether that is back with us in the Sixth Form, further education, training, or employment, I wish you every success and happiness in the future. You will always remain a valued part of the Wrenn family.

To our Year 13 students, who are moving on to University, Apprenticeships or employment I wish you all the very best for your future lives and careers, remember to join our Alumni network and come back in the future to inspire the next group of Wrenn students.

To our parents, thank you again for your ongoing involvement in your child's education. Whether through attending parents' evenings, supporting school events, or simply encouraging learning at home, your role is vital and deeply appreciated.

I hope you all have a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming our students back in September, refreshed and ready for another successful year.

Term Time Round-ups

Year 7

We have had one of the busiest terms but also one of the most enjoyable with our year 7s embracing every moment, opportunity and experience.

Year 7s had their final round of assessments this term and their last ones of Year 7. I have been impressed with how many showed our Wrenn value of Working Hard and how many truly applied themselves to the tasks put forward to them. This cohort are truly a phenomenal and resilient bunch. A special shout-out goes to J Holland, D Benedicto and K Bedford for making the most progress from AP1 to AP2. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves – keep up the hard work!

Thank you to all parents who booked an appointment for parent's evening and/or got in touch with me to find out about your child's progress. It really does make a difference to know that all areas of our school community are working together for the best success of our students.

This term we also hosted Wrenn Festival to celebrate our 50th year, which was a HUGE success. I'm proud to say our Year 7s were amazing during this event. From volunteering to run a stall to being the welcoming and polite bunch they are to our wider community. They truly showcased what it means to be a Wrenn student, and I am so proud of them – I have received copious compliments following their involvement and that is a credit to how wonderful they are. THANK YOU to each and every one of our year 7s who gave up a few hours on their Saturday to support the success of Wrenn's Summer Festival.

Our year 7s also had the opportunity to attend some of our school trips. Our rewards trip to Box End saw 30 of our Year 7s embrace a day of land and water activities. Each student selected for this trip should be incredibly proud of themselves because their hard work, determination and impeccable behaviour all year absolutely deserved recognition. Well done for being brilliant!! Additionally, we also had some of our year 7s attend the Bushcraft trip. From camping to camouflaging, the year 7s who attended truly embraced life in the wilderness. They were great and our staff were impressed with their resilience skills. Well done!

It was battle of the houses when Sports Day rolled around – CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 7 LIONS for being the overall winners !! I was truly taken aback at how brilliant our Year 7s were. Many of them put themselves out their comfort zones and participated in activities and races that weren't perhaps their forte and all year 7s were cheering each other on as well as other peers in their houses. WELL DONE – a fantastic day with a great atmosphere! A special mention to our whole school 3rd place Stag: A Ruston! Also, a big shout out to our whole school 2nd place Lion: R Crossland-Watson!

In our last week of term, we had our final assembly of the year. It was heart-warming to give out so many awards and prizes, it is just a testament to what a fantastic cohort they truly are. Well done to every single one of you and thank you for being brilliant!! A massive well done to – Lilith and Rosabelle for receiving the principal's award, very much deserved and you should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

Year 7 have truly embraced their final term of this academic year and I couldn't be more proud of how much they have progressed both socially and academically. I look forward to welcoming our students back in September to start their Year 8 journey. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and a much-deserved rest. HAVE FUN AND STAY SAFE!

Miss C Gibbs

YEAR 7 PROGRESS LEADER

Year 8

What a fantastic year we've had! I could not have asked for a better year group to be Progress Leader of. I have witnessed student test their capabilities; I have seen growth in both maturity and height! And watched students navigate situations with such confidence it makes me jealous... I wish I could have done that when I was their age!

This year group has push boundaries but reaped so many rewards, I am still in awe of their determination, perseverance and resilience. I wish I could bottle up the pride I have for them as a year group and as individuals.

We have had so many standout moments this year from sporting achievements, academic achievements and students stepping out of their comfort zones. I wish I could name them all but here are a few of my highlights.

Culture day – It was so fantastic to see the year group celebrating and embracing different cultures. I was so overwhelmed with pride for the Year 8 students who got up on stage and sang, dance, waved the flag that honours their culture.

Academic growth – Whilst I have been analysing the data from the recent AP2 it is clear that so many students have pushed themselves to improve on their AP1 – This is an absolute credit to the hard work, determination and perseverance of our students. The number of 'Outstanding' grades for ATLs is testament for what a fantastic year group Year 8 is.

Awards assembly – every half term there has been an increase of students who achieve 0 negative points. Whilst I don't think the bar of chocolate in assembly is the motivation, it really does show that as a year group, they are dedicated to their learning, they want to show the best of themselves and are working incredibly hard all around school, not just in lesson.

Sports day - We had a fantastic day participating in sports day, the behaviour of the year group was exemplary, they cheered, glittered and ran!

I very much look forward to seeing this year group through to their next steps of Year 9 and helping guide them to pick their options, to navigate their future and continue to grow as the outstanding young people they are becoming.

I want to thank you for all of your support and wish you all a lovely summer break!

Miss B Jerrett

YEAR 8 PROGRESS LEADER

Year 9

This year group is something else! I could not be more proud to have tagged along with Ms Austin on this journey through Key Stage 3. For the last few weeks, we have struggled in every assembly because we knew that we were getting closer to them moving to London Road. This will be amazing for them, and they will love studying the subjects that they have chosen. Each time that we have had one of our regular wonderful interactions with your children, we have looked at each other with a lump in our throat because we are so sad to lose them. They are testament to all that you have given them throughout their life. The care, the love, the nurture. Your children have thrived, they have achieved, and they are exceptional.

I spoke to the children in assembly last week about how amazing it is to be a Progress Leader in Key Stage 3. We get to meet children in year 7 and see them grow into people; we get to be a part of their journey. They don't always like it but it is always important. Sometimes, Progress is about remembering to bring a pencil case, or a pen, or a water bottle. Sometimes progress is about grades. Sometimes progress is about emotional growth, sometimes it is about embracing fear. Each and every young person in this year group has done those things and we are immensely proud of them

The end of year 9 is difficult for everyone but it is always the proudest part of this job; it hurts to let them go but is amazing to see them fly. Everyone is ready for the next part of their journey. Those people who receive this letter have created space for the young people to achieve, and made these people the people they are.

They have shown true resilience in their time on London Road, they have taken the challenge head on, and we have received nothing but positive reports. Enrichment was incredibly successful and the pupils all put a great deal of effort into the activities that they had chosen.

The pupils that took part in **Duke of Edinburgh** were exceptional (although I understand that one group decided to add a few extra steps to their route!). The first group got back just in

time for Graduation. The ceremony was amazing; albeit very emotional. We would like to thank those that performed, you were awe inspiring. Ms Austin led such wonderful tributes and the enthusiasm with which the pupils took part shows how much it meant to them. Thank you to everyone that was involved in the event. Such a huge amount of work was put in behind the scenes and many staff gave up their time to make sure it was successful. It does not go unnoticed, and it is truly appreciated.

Thank you to those pupils who helped out with, or attended, the **Summer Festival**. Our pupils were phenomenal and their contribution assisted in the tremendous success of the event.

Our final assembly was on the last day of term. There are so many shout outs that have been received for the year group. This is testament to the work that they have put in to making their last half term of Key Stage Three a success. We will continue to follow their journey and we look forward to updates of the successes that they will have. We will miss the laughs, the stories, and the progress. Key Stage Four will be amazing for them.

Keep us updated but for now, make the most of the summer break.

Mrs H Mainprize

YEAR 9 PROGRESS LEADER

Graduation





Year 9 celebrated their final year at Doddington Road with a lovely ceremony at the Castle Theatre. They will be able to carry the lessons they've learnt here, over to our London road school, where they will embark on further aspects of their educations such as GCSE's, their chosen subjects, and discover more about themselves through what they learn in and outside of the classroom.

Year 9 brought it!

George and Henry - Wowed with guitar talent

Lily - Sang an ABBA favourite - "*Slipping through my fingers*"

Rose - Hoop tricks were memorizing

Jodie - '*Viola*' a French song that stunned the audience into a standing ovation

"I'm not crying, you're crying" 😭

Oh, it was an emotional rollercoaster. We could not be more proud of who they have become. Congratulations to everyone!

2 students took us on their journey since they have started with us in year 7. Harry and Maria wrote a poem each which took us through their journeys since year 7. Needless to say we were feeling very emotional by the end of it.

There's a lot of change to come, as you will see in the article further down about our building works. So even if students may be feeling a little out of place, don't worry, so will some of the older students, and even teachers 😊. Take your time to get your bearings,

Year 10

The Final Chapter of Year 10: Rising to the Challenge

As the final term of Year 10 draws to a close, we have proudly declared that we are now Year 11. This term has been a transition full of growth towards leadership, and ambitious experiences.

Academic Milestones: We've have completed our final assessment point of Year 10. This provides important information to allow us to support students' academic in Year 11. Our set 1 Maths classes have launched into Statistics, allowing them to achieve further mathematical success within their final GCSE year.

Work Experience: Students stepped into the world beyond the classroom, gaining insights different industries including education, pharmaceuticals, medical, opticians, photography, electricians and accountants to name but a few. Students that stayed in school worked on a project with Local Council. Students acted as town clerks for this week, where they had to research and design a flower bed for the local community including project planning, budget & time management which they then present to **the Mayor**. They worked extremely hard and it was a great success.

Matilda the Musical: A spectacular showcase of talent, creativity, and collaboration for all involved, but our Year 10 stars of the show were Kiera M, Olivia T-F, Connor M, Molly J & Freddie C. A standing ovation to all involved!

Leadership: As we welcomed the new Year 10s in transition to London Road, our students rose to the occasion, becoming role models and leaders. Miss Ellis and I have interviewed for our next generation of school leaders with our Year 11 Prefect roles. We are to appoint Sports, Wellbeing, Academic, Diversity & Inclusion and Charity and Social leaders.

I couldn't be prouder of how Year 10 have grown & shaped themselves as academic learners and individuals this year. I wish you all a fantastic summer break and come back ready for academic success in Year 11.

Miss K Lawman

YEAR 10 PROGRESS LEADER



1 - Smashed their Mock Exams!



Year 11 say goodbye

This half term marked the end of an era for Year 11.

- End of exams
- Last day of school
- End of GCSEs

I cannot be prouder of how well Y11s have managed this half term. We have had some fabulous moments this half term. The 16th June was the final day of school for our 11s. We held a brilliant leavers assembly which featured picture contributions from parents which we appreciated. These were very cute baby pictures, graduation pictures and first day of secondary school pictures. Staff members also shared nice comments and advice for the future, offering words of wisdom and encouragement as the students prepare to embark on the next chapter of their lives. A favourite moment of mine is that students decorate their shirts for signing and some of the designs were soooooo creative! We had such a lovely time together during this assembly and we absolutely loved hearing and seeing the group cheer, smile and laugh as one whole group together for one last time.

The second big occasion this half term for pupils was Y11 Prom. On the 27th of June we met Year 11 leavers at the picturesque Stanwick Lakes Hotel. The evening was nothing short of magical. Orlando and Libby-Rose were crowned prom king and queen and the chants and cheers for them both were incredible! The event was filled with dancing and singing (including Miss Wright who cannot resist a boogie), with everyone enjoying the great company. Staff from Wrenn and Stanwick Hotel both commented on how fantastically behaved pupils were. We were impressed with their exceptional outfits and how they made grand entrances in fabulous cars.

A final big moment for some Y11s this half term was the Year 12 induction day where we welcomed back a huge chunk of our 11s to two days of being "year 12s". The day included taster sessions for A level and BTEC subjects, giving students a glimpse into their future studies. To top it off, the next day ended with pizza and bowling after team building, providing a fun and relaxed environment for the students to bond and look forward to the next academic year. I am so excited to see lots of familiar faces across Y12 next year, and I want to wish those moving to College, Apprenticeships, or another sixth form the best of luck and well wishes for the future.

What a busy but fabulous half term for Y11. We look forward to welcoming Y11 back for GCSE results day on Thursday 21st August 2025 to find out the outcomes of their exams. More information about this will follow. Enjoy a happy and chilled summer holidays!

Ms C Wright

YEAR 11 PROGRESS LEADER

Unless you're staying for 6th Form...?

What a cohort! We had a brilliant day with them, with laughter and tears in equal measure. We also awarded Olivia S with the BIG [#pointsmeanprizes](#) prize; anything she likes worth £500! She took up every opportunity this year to make progress so it was very well deserved. We will miss you Year 11 - stay in touch.







2 - Prom



ALUMNI

We are always delighted to hear what our Alumni are up to and would love to continue to celebrate your key life events even once you have left our school. We would love to hear from you! Please do register with us - <https://forms.office.com/e/nvtLj2nkvS>



FF Future
First



"I went to Wrenn School and now I work for QinetiQ (Defence and Science company) as a tactical analyst for defence projects supporting the British Army"

Philip - Tactical Analyst

FF Future
First



"I went to Wrenn School and now I am lucky enough to have been able to travel to IndyCar races throughout America for the last nine years, I am living my schoolboy dream."

Marcus - Engineer



Sixth Form

What a term it's been! Year 13 approached their external exams with focus, resilience, and determination—an incredible effort all round. They wrapped up their time with us in style at prom, celebrating friendships, memories, and the exciting journeys ahead.

Year 12 stepped into the spotlight too, attending the UCAS Fair which was held at the University of Bedfordshire in June. They have also embraced enrichment activities that built skills and sparked passions, as well as listened attentively to Keith Millard who came in for a PSHE session on Driving Safety.

In preparation for the students' post-18 applications, we invited their parents/carers in for a Post-18 Information Evening so that they could receive the same information their children have been receiving in PSHE and tutor time sessions. The evening featured insightful

presentations on applying to university, exploring degree apprenticeships, and planning a gap year. Wrenn School proudly hosted the Sixth Form Olympics in which Wrenn School, Sir Christopher Hatton, Wollaston School and Weavers Academy competed in a range of sporting events. Although we didn't take the trophy this year, we're incredibly proud of every student who gave their all in every event! We also soaked up the summer spirit with rewards trips to Wimbledon, to see tennis stars in action, and Alton Towers. Then we ended our term celebrating the achievements of those students who demonstrate our WRENN ethos through our very rewarding Success Assembly.

Here's to a term full of memories, milestones, and momentum. Have a fantastic summer, everyone!

Miss M Davies

DEPUTY HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

 House  Updates 

 Prefects 

We are pleased to announce that the following students have been appointed:-

Academic Prefect - Lewis R

Diversity and Inclusion Prefects - Tiara M and Connor M

Charity and Social Prefects - Kyla O'R and Lakshana R

Sports Prefect - Noah C

Wellbeing Prefects - May C and Ellie C

 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAMS 

We are excited to announce the 2025-26 appointed **Sixth Form Prefects!**

Lead Prefects: Alfie R/Isabel B

Charity: Ella D/ Debbie D

Social: Mary F

Social Media and Marketing: Harry S

Academic: Amy C

Well-being: Holly C

Sports: Emmanuella E

Diversity: Nyasha C

Newspaper Editor: Ava W

We have no doubt they will have a fantastic impact on our school.











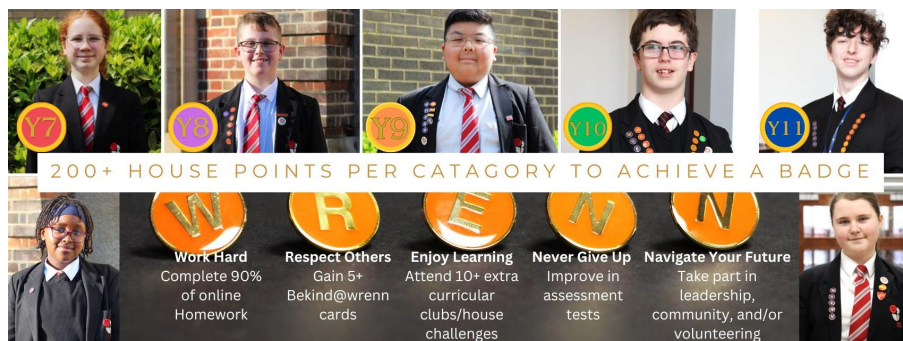
Transition Days



What a fabulous week we've had so far. On the Monday and Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome the newest members of our Wrenn Family, our incoming Year 7s. What a brilliant cohort they are! We also welcomed our Year 9s to London Road and started them on their road to GCSEs. They made a great first impression.

Students were involved in scavenger hunts to discover the school, tried out some lessons and those that showed excellence in lessons received GOLDEN TICKETS 🎫 for a chance to win some prizes in the final assembly.

After only 2 days, ALL of the soon to be year 7s knew the Wrenn Values off by heart (I think you can guess what the scavenger hunt spelled out 😊). They can look forward to achieving some goals next year when they join us such as:



*When a student demonstrates one of these values, they can **earn 5 points**.*



3 - House Captains

Mr Payne and Mr Gay took the House Captains to Freemans Junior School to host a range of house challenges to their Year 5 students, to give an insight of what to expect if they were to select Wrenn as their secondary school in the future.

All of our Captains were utterly brilliant throughout the afternoon, demonstrating great leadership skills. They showed the staff and students at Freemans what it means to be a student at Wrenn.

Building for the future

We are proud to announce a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to educational excellence and student development. In partnership with North Northamptonshire Local Authority, the school is actively working towards the construction of two brand-new buildings and to upgrade student areas, aimed at increasing capacity whilst enriching the learning environment. This will enable us to increase the number of students in Year 7 for September 2025.

Preparatory works have already started. We are minimising the disruption on site as much as possible, but you will have noticed that we have had to cordon off the back car park on Doddington Road to allow the builders to gain access.

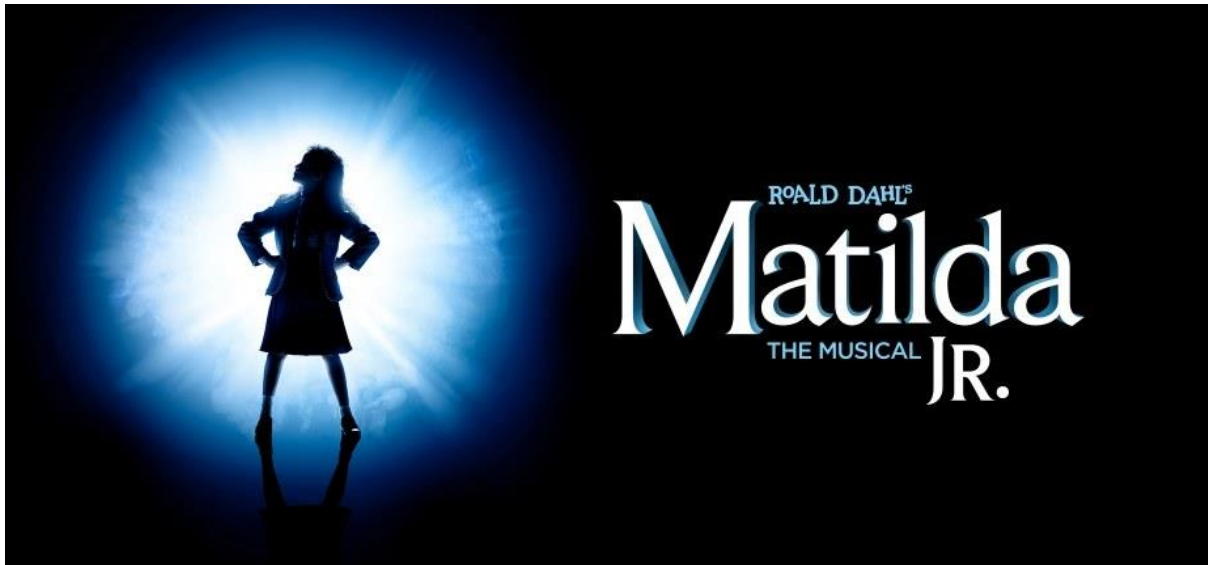
The plans include:

- A new building on Doddington Road, which will add four additional classrooms to the Lower School site. This development will support the growing number of students and ensure that every child continues to benefit from high-quality teaching in a well-resourced setting.
- The Personal Development Building on London Road, a bespoke facility dedicated to Wrenn School's upper year groups. This state-of-the-art building will feature six classrooms, a modern refectory, and a large study space.
- Resurfaced pitches and a multi-use games area.

Both buildings and ancillary areas are scheduled for use by September 2025.

We apologise for any disruption this causes in the short term, but I'm sure you'll share our excitement for our new facilities.

Matilda Musical



"It exceeded my expectations!"

Performing arts blew everyone away with their production of Matilda.

Lily captured the character of Miss Trunchbull perfectly.

Olivia stole the show as Miss Honey with her pristine vocals

Our two Matilda's; Pola and Kiera proved they are very talented in taking on the lead roles AND understudying various other roles.

Hilarious comical delivery from Mr and Mrs Wormwood.

The whole ensemble proved there are no small parts. Each one was professional with their delivery, and persevered through unforeseen circumstances. With a variety of Musical numbers, transitions, animations to interact with, stage directions, not to mention ALL those lines to learn, we couldn't prouder of them all.

Miss Trkulja and her team did a wonderful job in directing and delivering the show. All of their hard work since the first rehearsal at the start of March paid off.

A special thank you to all the friends and parents who turned out to support the show.







"We came to watch last night. Brilliant, talented students 🙌"

"Looks amazing 😍"

"Fantastic show. Huge well done to everyone involved! ⭐️👏⭐️👏"

NMPAT Music Tuition

Firstly we would like to congratulate the latest students to pass their ABRSM music exams this year!

Esme D - Flute Grade 5

Noah C - Viola Grade 3

Oscar L.M - Violin Grade 1

Jacob D - Piano Grade 1

We've had a lot of new sign-ups for NMPAT music lessons for next year. To register your interest for the following, please contact us via the form: [NMPAT Expression of interest form](#)

- Guitar (Acoustic or Classical)
- Woodwind
- Piano
- Strings

we will start making allocations over the summer holidays/start of September. If there's no space available, you will be put on the waiting list if a place becomes available.

Wrenn 50th Anniversary Festival



What a Day! We hoped every enjoyed being out in the sun and celebrating Wrenn turning 50. With many vendors and guests asking if we will be doing something else like this every year, it is defiantly something to discuss as we loved providing a great day for the local community.

Sponge the Teacher was a HIT! We commend the Teachers AND students for their sacrifice.

Tin Can Alley... well let's just say windy.

Ice creams, burgers, hot dogs, hot & cold drinks and cakes were a much needed treat on a very hot day.

The emergency services were there to demonstrate their vehicles and to take part in the day. They will always be a part of our Wrenn Community.

The school has seen War time, Covid, several generations of families and I am sure we will see much more for the next 50 years. That would take us to... 2075! If you've just started with us, hang on to a few items, you never know what may come.





4 - Doddington Road

The History of Wrenn School

It was in the summer of 1975, with the closure of Wellingborough Grammar School, that Mr Wrenn decided it was the right time for retirement, and in a fond tribute to his long service, the new merged school was named after him.

The ending of selection at 11 plus and a move towards coeducation in the late 1960s finally saw the merger of both Wellingborough Grammar School and The County High School in 1975. Wrenn School's first Headteacher was Miss Hubbert, who had been the Headmistress at The County High School from 1968.

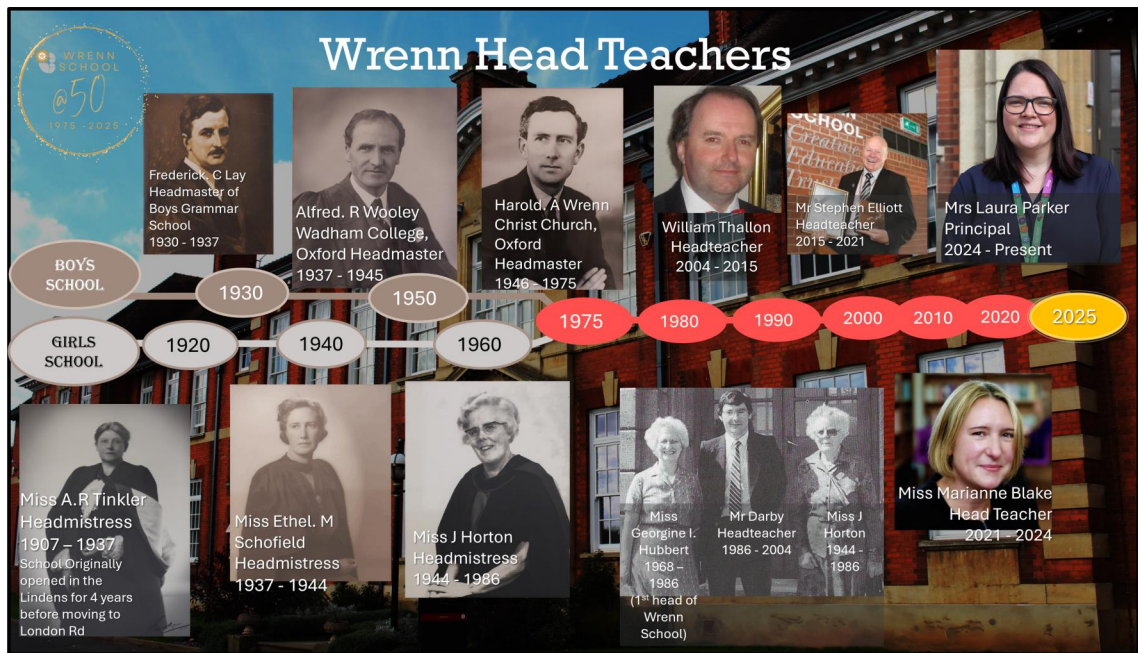


1907 Wellingborough Grammar School for Girls

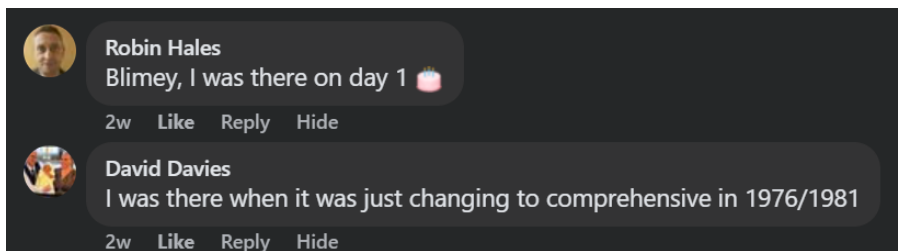
1907 Wellingborough Grammar School for Boys

London Road Upper School

Doddington Road Lower School



And of course, our previous students and teachers, the day would not be complete without you!



Sponge the Teacher





How's your aim?





To be honest, the wind was the biggest scorer of the day, but props to the staff for carrying on and keeping it fun for the whole day!

Entertainment

We also have some very talented students who provided the entertainment. Remember, when they get big, you saw them here first.



5 - Ellie W



6 - The Acoustic Collective



7 - Choir



8 - George & Henry

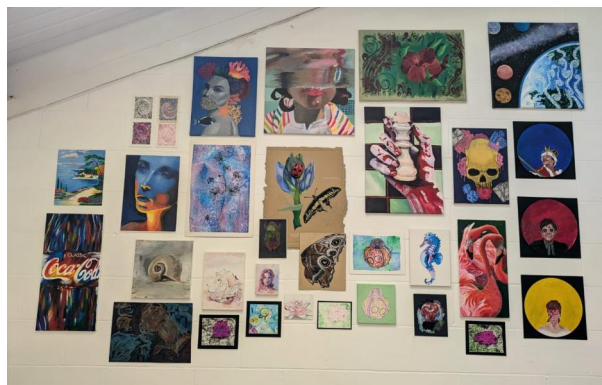


9 - Culture Day Performer

There was so much more from:

- Matilda cast - Our very own Connor even took on the role of the Trunchbull for the day.
- EDM Band - made their debut with a *remix of 'Another One Bites The Dust'*
- MK Guitar Tuition

[Discover the Art Gallery](#)





Bushcraft

Students are had a fantastic time. They took part in lots of activities from building shelters, making rope bracelets and roasting marshmallows. We cannot forget fun with face painting and camouflage.

From making traps to food and then taking part in a bushcraft challenge, all of them worked and played hard, but also never gave up!





10 - Marshmallows!





Enrichment Days

Over 2 days, students were able to take up to four different activities. How could you choose?

We did... A LOT!

Football

Murder Mystery

Dance

Outdoor Coding

Jewellery Making

Novels

Debating

Quizzing

Needle Felting

Film Making

Volleyball

Rounders

Retro Gaming

Scalextric

Micro Business

Music with fruit & veg

Black Out Poetry

Puzzles

Lego and Marble Creations

Exotic Animals

Movies & Literature

Hair and Make Up

Origami

Escape Room

Tye Dye and Weaving

Knitting

Mindfulness

Pelote

Band Workshop

DT (Land an egg)

Jigsaws & Origami (SEND Focus)

Street Art/Graffiti

Board Games

Nature Trails

Chess

Embroidery

Football

Fashion Design

Track Mania & Among Us

Craft/Beading

Basketball

Rounders

Amigos (Spanish)

Drama

Pizza Making

Science Rockets

Pizza was clearly a favourite choice amongst our students, but there was so much more on offer. Students had the opportunity to explore many crafts, sports, games and more that they may never have had the chance to explore before. We clearly have some very skilled students.

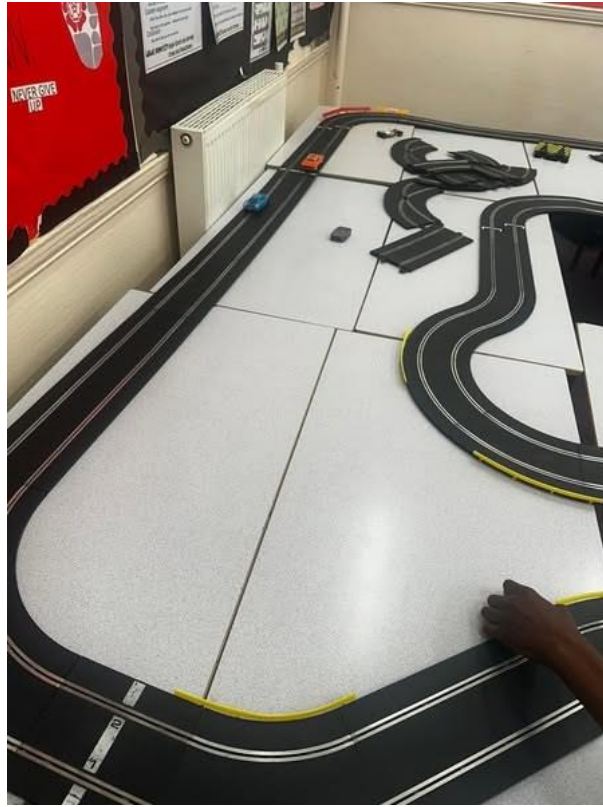
Shout out to:

Milana - Never played before, but a natural drummer from the band workshops

Max B and Imaan - Artists in the making from Graffiti

WARNING if you are squeamish for creepy crawlies and snakes, erm.... scroll past the photos fast 😊

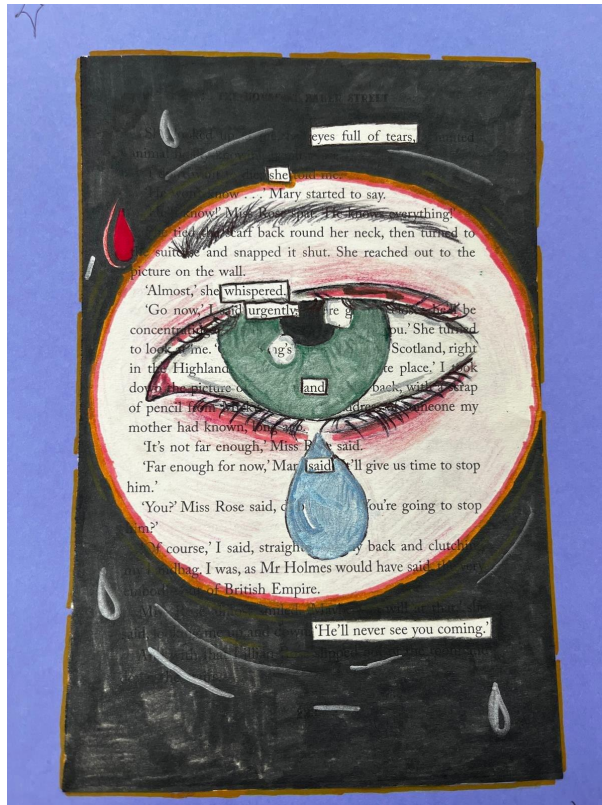
Day 1







Day 2











School Trips

Barcelona

Exploring Culture, Cuisine, and History: *Our Unforgettable Trip to Spain*

This past week, our students embarked on an enriching and exciting journey through Catalonia, Spain, filled with cultural discoveries, culinary adventures, and unforgettable memories.

Sunday: *A Taste of Spain's Heritage and Flavours*

Our adventure began in the heart of Barcelona with a visit to *Poble Espanyol*, an open-air architectural museum that showcases replicas of buildings from different regions of Spain. It offered our students a unique opportunity to explore the country's diverse cultural heritage in one charming village setting.

The day continued with a hands-on *paella workshop*, where students rolled up their sleeves to cook traditional Spanish paellas. The results were delicious—and even more satisfying knowing they had prepared the meal themselves! We capped off the day with a scenic drive past the iconic *Olympic Stadium of Barcelona*, a reminder of the city's proud sporting legacy.

Monday: *Gothic Grandeur and Gaudí's Genius*

Monday was a deep dive into Barcelona's historic and artistic soul. We explored the *Gothic Quarter*, where students wandered through narrow medieval streets and admired

landmarks such as the *Barcelona Cathedral*, *Sant Jaume Square*, *Plaza Reial*, and the picturesque *Pont del Bisbe*.

In the afternoon, we visited the *Arenas Shopping Centre*, a former bullfighting ring transformed into a modern retail space. From there, we walked up to the *Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya* on Montjuïc, pausing to admire the *Magic Fountain* and the *Venetian Towers* along the way.

The day's architectural highlights continued with a visit to *La Sagrada Família*, Antoni Gaudí's awe-inspiring basilica, followed by a stroll through the whimsical *Parc Güell*, where students marveled at Gaudí's colorful mosaics and imaginative designs.

Tuesday: Thrills and Laughter in Salou

Tuesday brought a change of pace with a full day at *PortAventura*, one of Europe's top theme parks located in Salou. Students enjoyed adrenaline-pumping rides, live shows, and a well-earned day of fun and relaxation.

Wednesday: A Journey Through Time in Tarragona

On our journey back, we made a final stop in *Tarragona*, a coastal city rich in Roman history. Students explored ancient ruins, including the impressive amphitheatre and remnants of the Roman forum, gaining insight into the region's classical past.

This trip was not only a chance to practice language skills and experience Spanish culture first hand, but also a time to bond, grow, and create lasting memories. We were incredibly proud of how our students embraced every moment with curiosity and enthusiasm.

¡Hasta la próxima aventura!





Harry Potter Studios



40 students went on the tour of Warner Brothers Studios. The tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the movies, allowing you to walk through iconic locations like the Great Hall, Diagon Alley, and the Forbidden Forest. They enjoyed interactive experiences and had the opportunity to learn about special effects such as forced perception.

They had photos in the green screen area that is used for the special effects; flying brooms, CGI etc. whilst also exploring the magical sets and looking at props and costumes used in the Harry Potter films.

Warwick Castle





On Wednesday we were lucky with the weather and spent a great day at Warwick Castle. We had students from years 7-10 and 3 year 12 too.

Students walked around the castle walls/battlements; watched jousting and stunt riders with the War of the Roses performance - we were cheering for Henry Tudor!

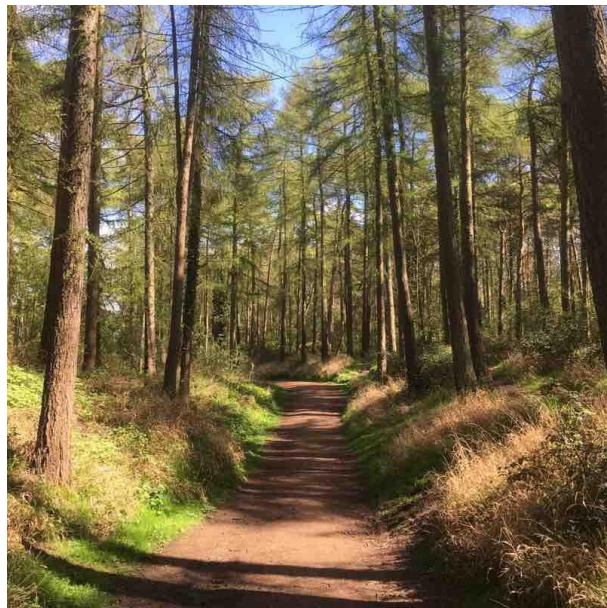
We saw a spectacular birds of prey show with many birds sweeping just over the student's heads and also watched them fire the trebuchet.

We explored the beautiful grounds and the grand state rooms and exhibitions.

All students had a fantastic time and really enjoyed this enrichment experience.

Wellbeing Walk/Run





Irchester Country Park was a lovely place to unwind at the end of a busy term. 30 students explored the local outdoors.

Careers News



🌟 Careers at Wrenn – A Fantastic Year of Opportunities! 🌟

This year has been packed with exciting career-related activities for our students! From **Speed Networking** events and **Civil Service** career talks, to **CV writing workshops** and **work experience placements**, we've been working hard to open doors and inspire futures.

As we start planning next year's Careers Programme, we'd love to hear **your feedback**. What would you like to see included? Are there areas you feel we should explore?

👉 Please take a moment to share your thoughts by completing our parental feedback form:

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

Your input helps us shape the best possible opportunities for our students. Thank you for being part of their journey!

Real-World Learning: Year 10 Students Take on Work Experience and Town Planning Challenges

This term, all of our Year 10 students have stepped beyond the classroom, embracing the world of work through either external placements or our pioneering partnership project with Wellingborough Town Council.

This innovative project, co-designed by Wrenn School and the Council, aimed to give every student a meaningful and practical Work Experience opportunity. The focus was on developing real-world, transferrable skills that students will carry with them into future careers.

As part of the project, participating students took on the role of "Town Clerks for the week," working together to project-manage and plan a proposed redesign of the flower beds in Swanspool Gardens. Their brief was complex and thought-provoking: consider the effects of

climate change, work within realistic financial constraints, and design with the local community in mind.

Each group presented their ideas to the official Town Clerk, with many also having the opportunity to pitch their vision to the Mayor of Wellingborough. Impressively, these student-led design proposals will now be taken forward to Wellingborough Town Council meetings for further consideration—a genuine impact on their local environment and community.

In addition to the Council project, 150 of our Year 10 students were out gaining hands-on experience across a wide range of industries. From primary schools to cafés, building sites, electricians, banks, and healthcare settings, students gained valuable insight into the working world and the skills required to succeed within it.

We are immensely proud of all our Year 10s for their dedication, professionalism, and creativity. This experience has been a powerful step in preparing them for their futures and in shaping the future of their local community.







Exploring the Future: Year 9 Careers Event and Transition Activities

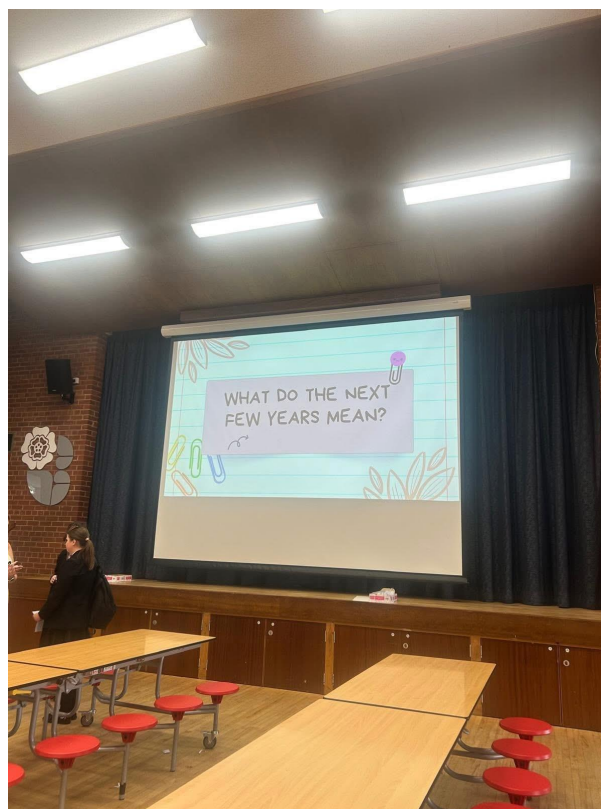
As part of our exciting Year 9 to 10 transition week, we recently held an engaging and insightful careers event designed to help them identify staff members across the school and

identifying their job roles. This encouraged students to step out of their comfort zones and strike up conversations with staff they may not have interacted with before. While some students accurately identified roles, others took more creative guesses—including a vet, a dog walker, and even a model! Regardless of the accuracy, what stood out most was the enthusiasm and effort shown by every student to participate and communicate with new faces around the school.

In addition to this interactive task, students were also given a detailed explanation of their Post-GCSE options and how to use their time in Year 10 to help them plan for this decision. Our Careers Lead was on hand to answer a variety of thoughtful and forward-thinking questions from the students, showcasing just how proactive and curious they are about shaping their future pathways.

To round out the event, students took part in a personality quiz on Unifrog—a platform designed to assist students in identifying future career opportunities and Post 16 and Post 18 pathways. This tool provided a list of careers that aligned with each student’s profile, opening their eyes to opportunities they may never have considered before.

It was an inspiring afternoon, that helped spark important conversations about the future, and we look forward to continuing this journey of exploration and discovery with our students.





Sports



Sports Success

Athletics



We are really proud of all of the athletes who competed in the Schools County Athletics Championships at the weekend. A huge well done to Jasmine (1st in 300m), Lezhan (3rd in 200m), Keanu (1st in 100m & Long Jump) and Aaron (2nd in 200m). We wish the athletes good luck in the regional finals in Stoke next weekend!

Keanu T and **Aaron A** both qualified to represent not only the school but the county at the National English Schools Athletics meet in July. This is the biggest achievement in athletics for school aged students.

Sports Day







Results

Of course it's not all about the winning. We also encourage personal progression, completing challenges and working together to achieve goals. On this day, we saw many students pushing themselves to complete the races, showing great sportsmanship by cheering on their house mates.

Putting themselves forward to represent their teams is the first step in making progress. We should all take a leaf out of their book. Over the summer, complete that DIY project you've been putting off; discover a new place to visit or start that run/gym membership, but most importantly, take time to rest, refuel and don't give up after the first go. It's been a busy year and you all deserve a bit of a rest.

and now... for the thing we all want to see (and probably scanned past that first bit for 😊)

Where did your child place?

Yr 7 Forms

1st - D

2nd - R

3rd - E

Overall House winners

1st - Lions

2nd - Dragons

3rd - Stagg

Yr 8 Forms

1st - V

2nd - M

3rd - I

Overall House winners

1st - Lions

2nd - Dragons

3rd - Stagg

Yr 9 Forms

1st - L

2nd - S

3rd - U

Overall House Winners

1st - Lions

2nd - Dragons

3rd - Stagg

I'm starting to see a pattern here...

Year 10 Forms

1st - M

2nd - I

3rd - S

Overall House Winners

1st - Lions

2nd - Dragons

3rd - Stagg

Sixth Form Olympics





11 - Tug of War



12 - Welly Wanging



We welcomed Weavers, Hatton and Wollaston schools onto the grounds as we hosted the Sixth Form Olympics 2025. Another hot day, but spirits were at an all time high as students competed for the cup 🏆.

The morning started out with:

Badminton

Table tennis

7 a side football

Volleyball

Netball

Then....

Dodgeball 🤪 I'm going to give a separate award to our **Ellie W**, for bravery. The last one standing in the team, but did not give up. 🏆

Benchball - the atmosphere was 10/10

Flag football

Rounders

Viking Chess/Kubb

After Lunch

60m

800m

60m Relay

Obstacle Relay

Welly Wanging - it's much harder than it looks

Tug of War Semi Finals

Tug of War 3rd place

Tug of War Final

[Overall Result](#)

1st - Wollaston 🏆

2nd - Sir Christopher Hatton

3rd - Wrenn

4th - Weavers



Giving Back



Book Donations



A big thank you goes to a Year 11 student who has kindly donated over 30 books, in beautiful condition, to our LRC. We're sure that all the Y7-9 students will be rushing to read them!

Dates for the Diary



Return to school

1st & 2nd Sept - Teacher Training Days

3rd Sept - Year 7 (only) - Start

4th Sept - Whole school return

More dates can be found at:

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

Wrenn School
Term Dates 2025/2026 Academic Year

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September 2025						
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Legend:

- Weekend
- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- School day/term time
- 1:30pm school finish
- Y7 Only
- Whole school returns
- Training day
- Disaggregated Training Day

Uniform

One last thing before you go.

Year 9s - You will need the upper school tie for next year

Girls -

- Year 7 - new grey/red checked skirt compulsory.
- All other years - new grey/red checked skirt **optional**. Girls may wear black tailored skirts if they wish, but should be at least to the knee in length

Please find the link to the uniform shop below:

<https://www.uniformshopwellingborough.co.uk/collections/wrenn-academy>

School website guidance:

<https://www.wrennschool.org.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=49>



We'll see you next year! If not, don't be a stranger 🤝



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