

# Principal's Update Newsletter (Sept - Oct 2025)



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### Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

As we approach the end of another vibrant term, I am delighted to share just how much our school community has achieved together. This edition of the newsletter is packed with highlights that truly showcase the talent, creativity, and commitment of our students and staff.

From the energy of **Wrenn's Got Talent** auditions to the excitement of our **House updates** and **Student Parliament initiatives**, it's clear that student voice and spirit are thriving. Our **Year 6 Open Evening** was a fantastic opportunity to welcome new families and share the exceptional opportunities we offer. I was also so impressed with the 250 students who acted as guides over the two evenings showcasing their amazing characters! We've celebrated learning in so many forms—through **Authors' Assemblies**, stunning work from the **Art Department**, and the culinary skills of our **Year 10 DT students**. Events like **Harry Potter Night** and **Culture Day** brought our community together in creative and inclusive ways, while our **Careers News** and **mock interviews** ensured students are preparing for bright futures.

Sport has been another highlight, with activities such as **Kinball** and the **Football Tournament at Maplefields** building teamwork and resilience. Equally inspiring has been the generosity shown during **Jeans for Genes Day** and the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, reminding us of the importance of giving back. As you read through this edition, I hope you share in the pride I feel for everything our students have accomplished. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where every individual can thrive.

Wishing you all a restful break and an exciting term ahead, we are, as always  
**#proudtobewrenn**

**Warm regards,**

Laura Parker

Principal

## Term Time Round-ups

### Year 7

Wow! Just wow!

What an amazing first term at Wrenn.

The pupils have truly embraced the **Wrenn spirit**; they are growing and thriving.

We just had our first **Celebration Assembly** and it was fantastic. The way in which the students celebrated each other was a pleasure to be a part of. They cheered, they clapped, they even sang along to Rick Astley!



*1 - Rick Astley*

We asked all staff for shoutouts of those students who have gone above and since they started at Wrenn - we received a massive 242! This is testament to the hard work and kindness that they have been showing.

We have had two author visits and are enjoying reading '**The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh**' together. The pupils truly engaged with these visits, and both commented on how amazing they were.

🏆 Congratulations to Max who has the most house points this term, to Nikita who is second, and to Leo who is third. You have shown true commitment to the Wrenn Values.

🏆 Congratulations also to **7I** who have the **most house points for a form**. You are working well together.

It has been a long term which has tested the resilience of everyone, but this year group have pulled together as if they have been a team for years. They are a testament to their adults at home. We cannot wait for term two.

Have a restful break.

## **HELEN MAINPRIZE**

PROGRESS LEADER: YEAR 7

### Year 8

It has been lovely welcoming back our Year 8s after 6-weeks off and guiding them through their first term in a new position at Wrenn. They are no longer the youngest year group in our school and have now stepped-up to be the wonderful role-models that they are.

### **Open Evening Superstars!**

On Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd of October we held our Year 6 Open Evening. Many of our Year 8s volunteered to be a part of this event from 5.45pm – 8pm. **THANK YOU** to our Year 8s who helped out in this busy but successful event. From tour guides to activity leaders – you all did us very proud and you should all be very proud of yourselves. We received lots of positive praise from new perspective parents/carers.

### **Working Hard**

Our first round of assessments for many subjects have started to take place this term. It has been great to receive feedback from teachers to commend Year 8s on their resilience and perseverance when completing these independent tasks. The data we receive coupled with teacher's input allows us to inform our groupings and teaching to continue to put our student's in the best stead possible to be successful.

### **Success Assembly**

In our final week of the term we had our success assembly. It was brilliant to be able to celebrate the achievements of our students who are striving for success every day.

A special mention to:

**Holly S** – for delivering a wonderful speech on the Year 6 open evenings and for always demonstrating our Wrenn ethos'. Holly received our Principal's Award for her dedication and commitment to her school career.

**Ronnie K** – for always demonstrating our 'Be Kind' value and going above and beyond to be supportive to peers and staff.

**Awwal A** – for being brilliant in our parliament meetings and representing Year 8 in a fantastic light.

**Teddy J** – for *always* being helpful, kind and supportive to his peers and to staff.

**Anjana G** – for being the top SPARX Reader in the whole of the year group!

**Reminders:**

As we are approaching the colder months, please be reminded that plain black V neck jumpers can be worn underneath blazers, but they are not to replace blazers.

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Have a wonderful week and we look forward to welcoming our Year 8s back after half-term.

**CHARLOTTE GIBBS**

PROGRESS LEADER: YEAR 8

Year 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our Year 9 students. It has been a busy and rewarding 8 weeks, and I am incredibly proud of the progress, enthusiasm, and resilience shown across the year group.

Students have demonstrated a strong commitment to their learning across all subjects. Across the curriculum, teachers have praised Year 9 for their growing independence and maturity. A special mention goes to those who have consistently gone above and beyond in homework and revision tasks—your dedication is truly commendable.

We've had several highlights this half term, here are a few:

- 103 students were nominated by their class teachers for the end of term celebration assembly
- 217 students in the year group have not received one negative point this term.
- The year 9 boys football are currently undefeated
- Year 9 have embraced creative opportunities with enthusiasm. Our enrichment activities have been well attended, and it's been wonderful to see students trying new things and supporting each other.

We've also been listening to our students through form time discussions and surveys. Their feedback is helping us shape a more inclusive and supportive environment, and we're excited to act on their ideas next term.

After a well-deserved break, we'll return with fresh goals and exciting opportunities. Please encourage your child to rest, recharge, and reflect on their achievements. We look forward to continuing this positive momentum next half term.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable break.

Warm regards,

**BETH JERRETT**

PROGRESS LEADER: YEAR 9

[Year 10](#)

Year 10 have had a fantastic half term, achieving an impressive 52,000 house points in 8 weeks! A special well done to Victoria, who earned the most house points in the year group this term and has celebrated with a big tub of chocolates! Along with this, Y10 received over 60 teacher nominations for the celebration assembly, recognising the hard work and positive attitude. They also nominated pupils who demonstrated the be kind ethos this half term.

Year 10 have started their GCSEs with a bang. During the **Key-to-Key Stage 4 Information Evening** on Thursday, we discussed how 60–70% of the GCSE curriculum is taught in Year 10, highlighting the importance of excellent attendance and active engagement in lessons. This half term, our Geography students also enjoyed a successful field trip to Hunstanton, putting their classroom learning into practice. Well done, Year 10, a cracking start to the academic year. Have a lovely and restful half term, ready for another busy and exciting half term of learning ahead!

Brief dates for your diary next half term are:

- December 2025 - Y10 Attitude to Learning report will be sent home.
- Next term also marks BTEC assessment windows which means lots of BTEC coursework deadlines. These will be shared with pupils and home by the subject teachers.

**CASIE WRIGHT**

PROGRESS LEADER: YEAR 10

[Year 11](#)

**Tear 11 Off to a Flying Start!**

Year 11 has kicked off with fantastic energy and commitment! Students are demonstrating the Wrenn value of *Work Hard* across the board, showing positive attitudes and strong engagement in their learning.

Our *Points Mean Prizes* initiative is already proving successful, with high attendance at Period 6 and lots of enthusiasm from students. Congratulations to the winners of our first two prize draws!

**First Prize Draw Winners:**

- Leon R
- Lewis F
- Noku K
- Nathan T
- Shazaib A

**Second Prize Draw Winners:**

- Isabella S
- Ashton R
- Noah C
- Colm M
- Ola W
- Lewis F

Well done to all our winners—keep up the great work, Year 11!

Year 11 students had a fantastic opportunity to explore their next steps with our dedicated careers team. From Sixth Form to college pathways and destination assemblies, students engaged in meaningful conversations about their futures.

A highlight of the term was the mock interviews, where many students arrived feeling nervous but left *beaming with confidence*. It was a brilliant experience that helped them grow in self-assurance and develop key skills for real-life interview settings. Well done — your professionalism and positivity were outstanding!

Our Year 11 prefects have made a fantastic start to their leadership roles this term. Well-being prefects **Ellie** and **May** have delivered thoughtful assemblies to Years 7, 8, and 9, sharing valuable insights into the importance of well-being from a student perspective.

Meanwhile, our **Diversity & Inclusion prefects** have played a key role in supporting **Culture Day** and **Black History Month** assemblies, helping to promote awareness and celebrate our school's rich diversity. There's lots more planned for the rest of our prefect team as we head into the next term—watch this space!

As we approach the next half term, students will take Wrenn Assessments in English, Maths & Science. My advice to them is to check their timetable & seating to make sure they are prepared for the assessments when we return. But before that... I wish you all a fantastic week break! You deserve it!

## **KATIE LAWMAN**

PROGRESS LEADER: YEAR 11

## **YEAR 11 PREFECT TEAM**

After a gruelling interview process last term, we are delighted to announce our Year 11 prefect team. They will be taking the lead on a number of important issues such as wellbeing and charity events. We can't wait to see what impact they have!



## Sixth Form

It's been a vibrant and busy start to the academic year in Sixth Form. This term we have welcomed our new year 12 students into our 6th form community – our biggest cohort for over 10 years!

Our prefects have been busy this term. They have successfully run the first **sporting charity event** of the year: **year 12 vs year 13 football**. The year 12s were victorious, beating the year 13s **2-0**. They have also helped the 6th form to raise awareness and money for **Jeans 4 Genes**, in our annual **charity catwalk** event, and **Young Minds**, in our **'Hello Yellow'** mufti day. On Friday 24th October, we will be ending our first half term celebrating culture: our students have been busy choreographing performances, cooking cultural dishes and preparing cultural dress. We can't wait to see it!

We have also launched the **CET public speaking competition**. This year's theme is "A Letter to Tomorrow." Many students have prepared and delivered speeches in our school heats. Our successful finalists will have 1:1 coaching with barristers from The Kalisher Trust – a fantastic opportunity for personal development.

Special **congratulations** goes to **Grace Johnson** in Year 13, who achieved the highest score in the East Midlands in the Mathematical Competition for Girls 2025. This is an incredible achievement and a testament to Grace's talent and dedication.

Our Year 13 students have hit the ground running with their UCAS applications. Many students have submitted their UCAS applications, including our early applicant students to Oxbridge and medicine, dentistry and veterinary science courses. We wish our students all the best for any upcoming aptitude tests and interviews.

Year 12 students have launched their **Give-Back Programme**, taking on roles as KS3 reading and academic mentors, as well as supporting Year 11 students in Maths and English. Several students have also completed training in peer mentoring, while others have enthusiastically joined a range of extra-curricular activities, contributing to the wider school community.

We ended the term with our **Success Assembly**, celebrating students who have demonstrated outstanding academic progress, a positive attitude to learning, and a strong commitment to the WRENN ethos. It was a proud moment to recognise the hard work and dedication of our Sixth Formers.

We look forward to moving into our **new 6th Form building** on Monday 3rd November. Year 11 students will have the opportunity to see inside at the **6th Form Open Evening** which will be held on **Thursday 6th November** from 6 pm. How exciting!

**NATASHA THOMAS FRANCIS**

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



**Scores**

Correct as of: 23/10/25



To say Ms Austin's assemblies are inspirational is an understatement. In our House assemblies she has instilled core values to the point you could see students taking pride in their houses.

**Stags** - Calmly strong, observing and working together as one.

**Lions** - Patiently take their time and calculate before taking swift and decisive action. They work well in a pack and alone

**Dragons** - It's no myth they're mighty, can fly high and are guarded. When amongst others, they're a force to be reckoned with.

They put their minds together for the balloon and paper challenge. A simple task of passing the items without damaging it, quickly, efficiently, with joy and persistence, you could hear the celebratory stampede throughout the school once they achieved their goal.

***"We don't boo the other houses, we celebrate them!"***

It's not all about competition, yes it can push us further than we ever thought we could go, but when all the houses work together, our school spirit thrives. To use Ms Austin's favourite word... that's what makes us ***beautiful***.

## House Competition

### Art and Design Christmas House Competition – KS3

#### Design and Make a 3D Santa

**Success Criteria**  
-Your Santa can be any size.  
-It must be 3D.  
-You can use ANY materials you like. For example - straw, clay, paint, empty food containers, packaging, cardboard boxes, wire, tissue, playdoh, fabric, felt, papier-mache, wood, sticks, found objects, etc.  
-**Be creative! Be imaginative! Think Sustainability!**  
- You have 6 weeks, use the time wisely!

**WINNER prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place!**

**House Points for ALL entries!**

All Santa submissions will be used as Christmas decorations in our community during the festive season.

**Final Submission = Friday 21st November 2025 to a member of the Art and DT Team!**

**GOOD LUCK!**

Motivation  
Independence  
Courage  
Community



## Wrenn's Got Talent



### *It's going to be epic!*

This year we're going to end with a treat for all of our students. On **Friday 19th December**, it will be livestreamed across the school from London road stage. Students that have achieved great things this year will have the pleasure of watching live and cheering on the young performers as they battle it out to be the Wrenn's Got Talent Winner 2025.

This year's auditionees included so much talent:

- Singers
- Comedians
- Instrumentalists
- Dancers

- Acting

With so many students putting themselves forward, the Performing Arts department are having to make tough decisions about which acts to select for the show. They are looking for a variety of captivating performances and the auditions have certainly showcased a range of talents.

Students are going to have to wait in eager anticipation until next half term when the acts will be notified.

For the ones that don't make it this time round, please try again next time.

- Develop your skills
- Be unique
- Nerves happen, so practise, practise, practise

...and the best piece of advice I've received was to record yourself and watch yourself. But... be careful, we can be our own worst critic, getting others to watch us with "fresh eyes" can be just as helpful.

## Y6 Open Evening



All departments put their best foot forward on both nights. With over 350 people through the doors, we're confident we're going to be first choice again for many year 6s.

In **science**, our comedy duo stole the show with a fiery display and prospective students were intrigued exploring the lamb's heart, electronics and chemical experiments.

**Drama** didn't hold back either, with several students putting on dramatic displays of thought provoking topics for our visitors.

**Music** flexed their extracurricular opportunities and growing music programme with displays of students playing pieces they've been practicing inside and outside the classroom. If you came on the Wednesday, you would also have seen a live performance workshop where students could try out what it's like to play in a live band.

**PE** demonstrated the wide range of sports equipment and expertise from our teachers that we have at our fingertips.

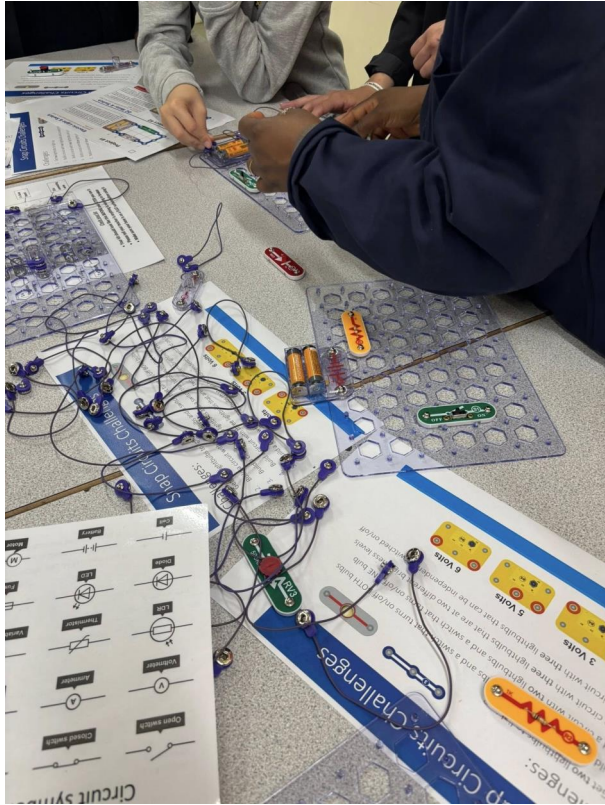
Our **SEND** department really is the heart of Wrenn, with lots of dedicated, caring staff and out of the box thinking, they keep many students on track.

**English** and **Maths** had brilliant examples to showcase and enlightened parents for the future of their child's education

**DT** can hold their heads high. Their high standards make sure that our kitchens never get into the state they were in on the night. With hazards galore, infestations from every nook and cranny, and questionable liquids that could put off even the most experienced chefs, students were challenged to '*REPORT the HAZZARD*'.

If you followed on to our workshops, our Woodwork, Metalwork and Design work were out on display for all to see.

We are incredibly proud of the students' accomplishments at Wrenn. We hope that by providing a culture of teamwork amongst the houses, celebrating achievements, and high standards, this really showcased the opportunities we give our students. With our unique dual site school, we are also able to offer a dedicated lower school to help the transition and ease Year 7 into secondary school life.





## 6th Form Open Evening

Thursday 6th November 2025, 6pm - 8pm



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# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

2025 Finalist for Northamptonshire  
School of the Year

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

🕒 6-8pm - Information talk at 6.30pm

- ✓ Level 3 A Level and BTEC courses on offer
- ✓ Highest progress across Wellingborough in 2023-24
- ✓ Brand new Sixth Form Centre
- ✓ Device given to every student



### ***With a talk at 6pm***

Mark the date in your calendar and come and see our brand new 6th Form Centre and all that we have to offer for post 16.



*2 - not too much longer*

Last year...

Wrenn Sixth Form Students Secure Top University Places with Outstanding Results

CREATIVE EDUCATION TRUST COMMENDS EXCEPTIONAL SIXTH FORM OUTCOMES







Students and staff at Wrenn School, part of Creative Education Trust, celebrated exceptional A level, BTEC and vocational results in the summer. 50% of students achieved A\*-B grades, with many securing places at top universities, apprenticeships, and their chosen employment opportunities.

Students were particularly successful in Law, Biology, Business and Health and Social Care. In addition, outcomes in Performing Arts were excellent, with high proportions of students demonstrating a real breadth of talent.

These achievements reflect the hard work of students and the comprehensive support provided by the staff at the school, including:

- Quality First Teaching with a relentless focus on the science of learning
- Targeted academic mentoring and revision sessions
- Wellbeing initiatives to support mental health and resilience
- Attendance rewards and enrichment programmes which include Post 18 educational visits
- Aspirational presentations from Wrenn Alumni

There were a tremendous amount of individual success stories and achievements to celebrate, including:

- Dawid D – after sitting his A Levels a year early, achieved four A\*s and will go on to University College London to study Engineering.
- Kade H – achieved two A\*s and two As and will go on to the University of Exeter to study Maths and Data Science

- Amani A – achieved a D\*, an A\* and two As and will go on to study Law at the University of Nottingham.
- Kofi T – achieved a D\*, two Bs and is going on to complete an apprenticeship at Grant Thornton.
- Jessica S – achieved two D\*s, an A\* and an A and is going on to study Management and Marketing at the University of Bath.
- Vaishvi B - achieved a D\*, an A and two Bs and is going to the University of Northampton to study Business.

**Bohdan B:**

"My time at Wrenn has been a journey of growth, not just academically but personally—I've gained confidence, resilience, and friendships. Every challenge became a lesson, and every lesson a stepping stone. As I move on to University to do Engineering, I carry Wrenn's spirit with me, ready to take on the world."

**Dawid D:**

"During my time at Wrenn I was encouraged to take initiative, which led me to complete my exams a year early. With the support I received on my application, I was able to secure an offer to study Engineering at University."

**Results: A\*A\*A\*A\***

**Kofi T:**

"After attending Wrenn since Year 7, it has become less of a school and more of a home. By the end of my time I realised the teachers had become like friends who are always there to support, challenge, and inspire me. Wrenn has helped me grow not just academically, but personally too. From lessons to wider opportunities and experiences, I've learned the importance of working hard, respecting others, enjoying learning, navigating my future and never giving up. Thanks to everyone for all I have gained at Wrenn, I'm proud to be starting an apprenticeship in Audit at Grant Thornton."

**Results: D\*BB**

**Visheicaa S:**

"The staff and teachers at Wrenn sixth form really teach you to become independent and take your future into your own hands. You always know you have a support system to fall back on when things get tough. It really has been empowering."

**Results: A\*AA A\***

Laura Parker, Principal at Wrenn School, said:

"These results are a testament to our students' determination and the high standards we set. We're proud of every single one of them.

Thank you to our brilliant staff and supportive families who have helped to make this success possible."

Nicole McCartney, CEO of Creative Education Trust, added:

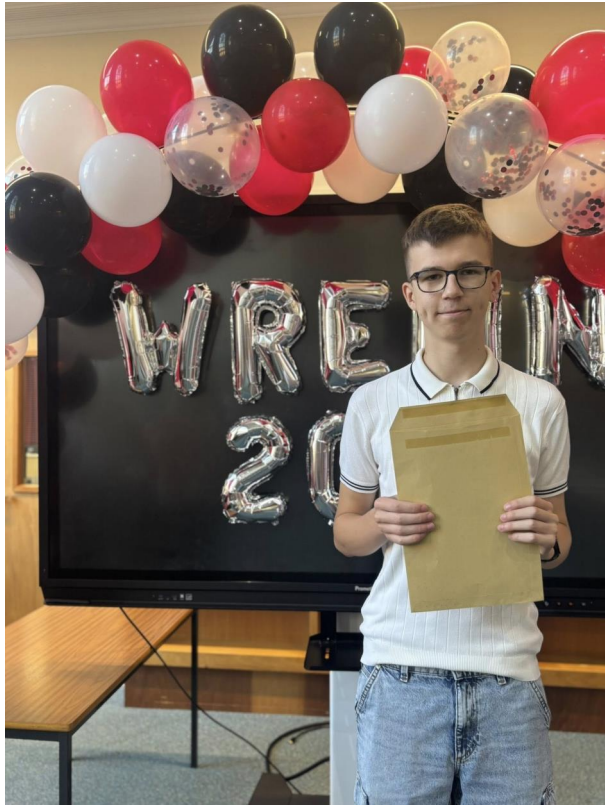
"Huge congratulations to all our Year 13 students! We are so proud of you for all you have achieved and for all your hard work and commitment. I am also immensely proud of our talented and dedicated staff for continually going above and beyond to support our students to achieve their potential".

"We wish all our students the very best for their exciting next steps, whether they are moving on to university, starting an apprenticeship or beginning their careers."

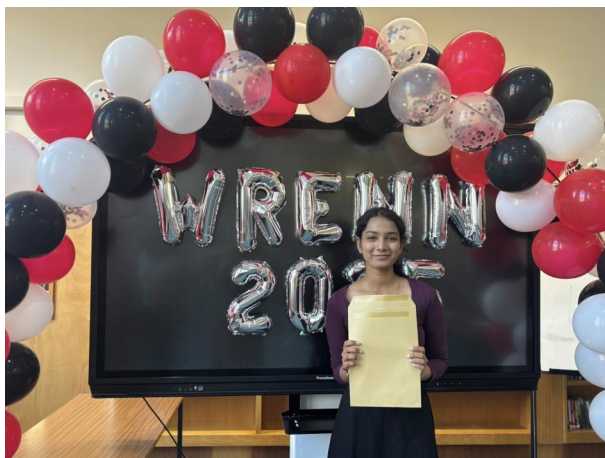
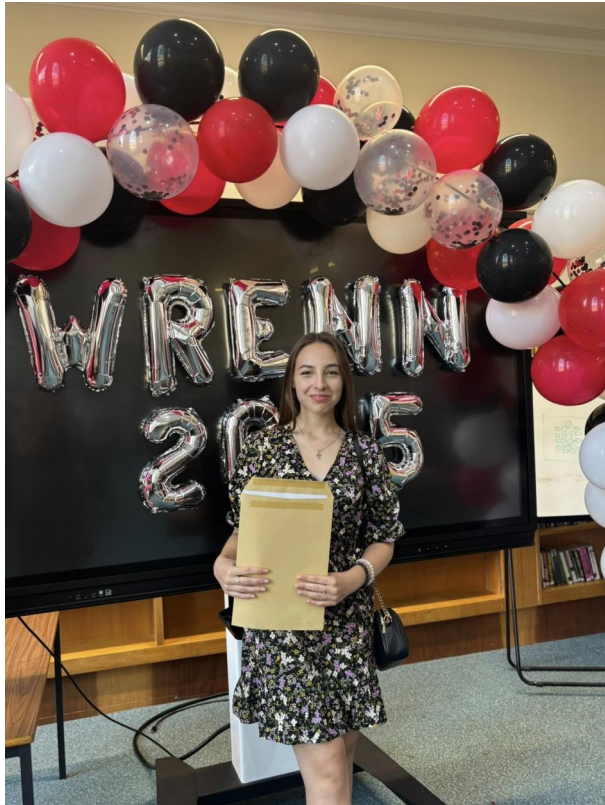








Grade	Endorsement Grade	Mark
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## Awards

### 🌟 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE EDUCATION AWARDS - SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 🌟

We are thrilled to announce that in our 50th Year we are once again a FINALIST for the NEA Secondary School of the Year 2025!

### 🌟 HEALTHY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 🌟

We are incredibly proud of all the work we do to support the overall wellbeing of our children. We are delighted to say that we are also finalists for the NEA Healthy School of the Year!

## Maths Genius 🏆

We would like to congratulate Grace for placing 1st in the East Midlands in the Maths Trust's Mathematical Competition for Girls 2025. A huge well done! We are very proud of you!



## ☆ Edurio Awards ☆

EDURIO is a robust survey company trusted by over 2000 schools in the UK, and allow us to measure things that are difficult to track - [www.edurio.com](http://www.edurio.com) We are delighted to announce that we have won three EDURIO awards - these are regional awards so we won for the East Midlands!

### **Staff Career Development Award 🏆**

This award honours the exceptional investment in professional growth and opportunities for staff. The Insights programme allows staff to experience other job roles in the school. We prioritise annual career stage interviews, subject specific CPDL and weekly pedagogical rehearsal. Our commitment to CPDL means our students get the very best deal.

### **Listening & Acting Award – Parental Feedback 🏆**

This awards honours the school's dedication to listening to families and taking meaningful action. We have a dedicated parent forum, two surveys a year and we send home information about children's progress every two weeks. We also have a termly newsletter that goes out to all parents. We encourage as much parental feedback as possible.

### **Parent Choice Award 🏆**

Most importantly, this award is a special recognition reflecting the trust and confidence families place in the school. We are thrilled with this one in particular

These achievements highlight the strength of the school's community ethos, the quality of teaching and learning, and the importance placed on staff development, student wellbeing, and strong partnerships with parents and carers.



**Listening & Acting Award –  
Parental feedback**

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**Career Development Award**

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## Launching our Hall of Fame

This one is currently for the musical side of Wrenn. Since our in house productions have stepped it up a gear, students are also raising their game. We want this to shine through right from the classroom to the stage. We all love a bit of recognition when we get something right, which is why when a student demonstrates a brilliant and memorable piece, they can be recommended to go on the Hall of Fame.

This terms' entries are mainly for our Year 6 Open Evening performances.

Some music students, members of the extra curricular groups; Acoustic Collective, EDM Band and Wrenn Rocks, volunteered their time, to demonstrate to potential new year 7's and their parents, what it's like to perform at Wrenn. You may have found/heard it if you popped by the music/DT block.

With many songs to choose from, all students took part and learnt a lot of the songs on the spot. They were also gracious enough to hand over their instrument when a visitor wanted to join in.

**Big shot out** to the visitors who were confident enough to try it out in front of a **live audience**:

- 2 x very confident singers - showed us just how much fun it can be... I think they were our own 6th Formers
- Year 9 bass player - learnt "Highway to Hell" in record time of 15 mins!
- 2 x young drummers - *You kept solid beats*
- A very supportive mum (not mine)

... But for those who really made an impression on everyone that showed up that night, they'll be receiving a certificate and House points

IT'S TIME TO FACE THE MUSIC

# HALL OF FAME

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT OR SING YOUR BEST, IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE FOR A CHANCE TO APPEAR ON THE HALL OF FAME AND EARN HOUSE POINTS

• In Class • Recorded Public Performance • Extra Curriculars

NAME	ACT	EVENT
CARMEL BRANSTON	SWEET DREAMS	BASS GUITAR
ANTHONY CHILVERS	HO HEY	GUITAR
ETHAN GILKS	HIGHWAY TO HELL	DRUMS
ROBIN SWAIN	NOTHING ELSE MATTERS	GUITAR
LILY CHISHOLM	SWEET DREAMS	SINGER

## Author Assemblies

# Just Write.

***This term has been an Author's dream***, with not 1, but 2 authors presenting assemblies to our students.

We launched the Year 7 **Wrenn Reads** with the wonderful author [@HelenRutterUK](#), and the incredible book *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh*. It was a fabulous day for Year 7.

Helen Rutter, an inspiring speaker, author and expert in mindfulness dropped into our year 7 assembly and spoke to us about her process of writing "The boy who made everyone laugh".

Writers all have their different styles, JK Rowling wrote many pages while on a train, Rutter found having a space to be bored sparked her imagination. It wasn't until she found herself unemployed that it pushed her to take that first step into the world of writing (and acting). Whether it's a chair, on top of a hill, a train, a bus stop, coffee shop or a shopping centre, having a space to watch, listen and be inspired can be a terrific influence.

Take note, some of our audience members... or their relatives... may even be back one day to tell us about their book (hint hint!), so get started, write down every idea and look into becoming an author.



3 - Helen Rutter



**Emma Swan, Author, Actor**, also came on 10th October to deliver another assembly to the year 7s, not just for the writers, but to encourage all those who want to follow their ambitions.

Emma started out as a Cruise ship child. With parents who worked out on the sea, she found growing up around holiday makers, the ships crew and seeing some amazing places an unexpected source of inspiration. Then there was also the transition to life on land in year 7...

After Silver (the main character) made quite an entertaining entrance, by "phoning" Emma during the start of her assembly, we were encaptured by realistic star of the book. Silver went on to sabotage the presentation, to avoid the chance of it being (in her words) **BOOORRIIINNNGGG!** Students were soon starting to resonate with her and the challenges she was facing of growing up with few people her own age on the ship, fitting in and being interesting.

We heard so many students talking about their dreams of becoming, nurses, dancers, CEOs, engineers, biologists and so much more. It was a beautiful thing to see first thing in the morning, with so many students ready to start the day, **focused**.

We (like Emma) want children to feel comfortable being themselves. When you yourself, and others may see flaws, they could actually be one of the things that make us unique and give us a strength that no one else can replicate.

To those lucky ones that pre-ordered for a signed copy, we hope you enjoy this read!





4 - Emma Swan

## Student Parliament



Wrenn's very first Whole School Parliament meeting of the new academic year took place on 23rd September.

Led with confidence by our amazing Year 13 Prefects, Isobel and Alfie students had the chance to make their voices heard on important topics such as:

- Supporting our Wellingborough community

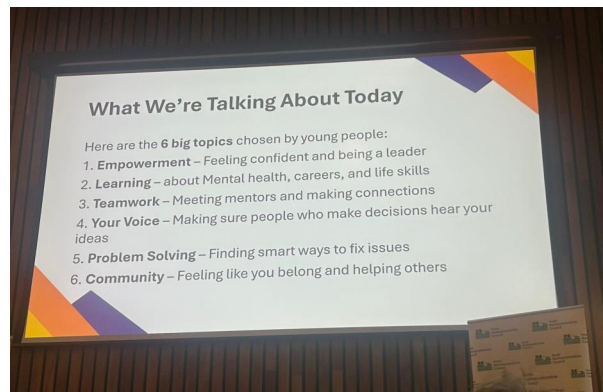
- Rewarding kindness and positive behaviour within the school.

We were thrilled to have Mrs. Parker, our Principal, actively listening and taking notes, ready to turn these brilliant ideas into action! This is just the beginning of many more conversations that will shape the future of our school and beyond.



### North Northamptonshire Youth Summit

Wrenn School Parliament Leaders went on to represent us at the very first North Northamptonshire Youth Summit. They demonstrated outstanding maturity and passion as they engaged in shaping policy, debating key issues affecting young people, and confidently conversing with MPs and local councillors. Their enthusiasm, thoughtful contributions, and willingness to ask probing and challenging questions truly set them apart. As a result of their impressive participation, they were invited to share their views on BBC Radio Northampton and featured in local podcasts—an incredible achievement that reflects their dedication and the strength of student voice at Wrenn. Well done to each of them!

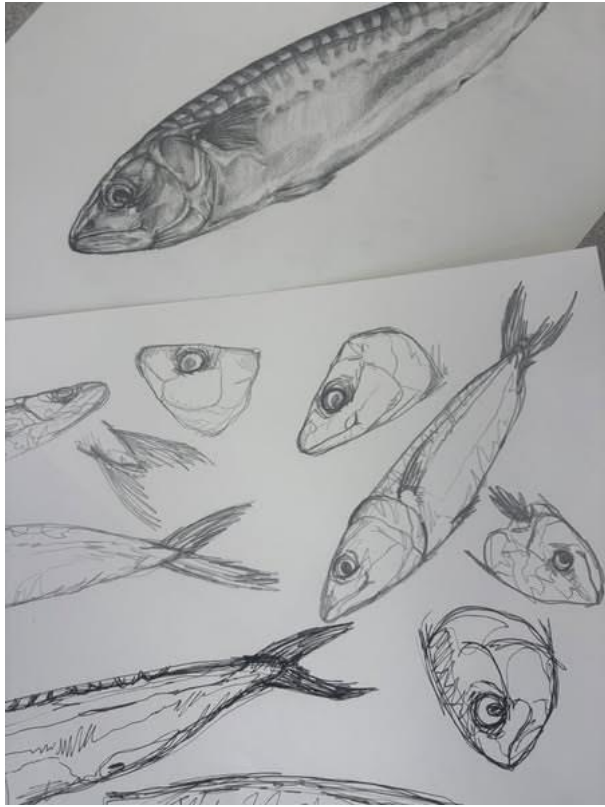


## Art

GCSE work has started

Year 10 artists have started their GCSE with some interesting drawing sources! Some incredible observational drawing work - well done

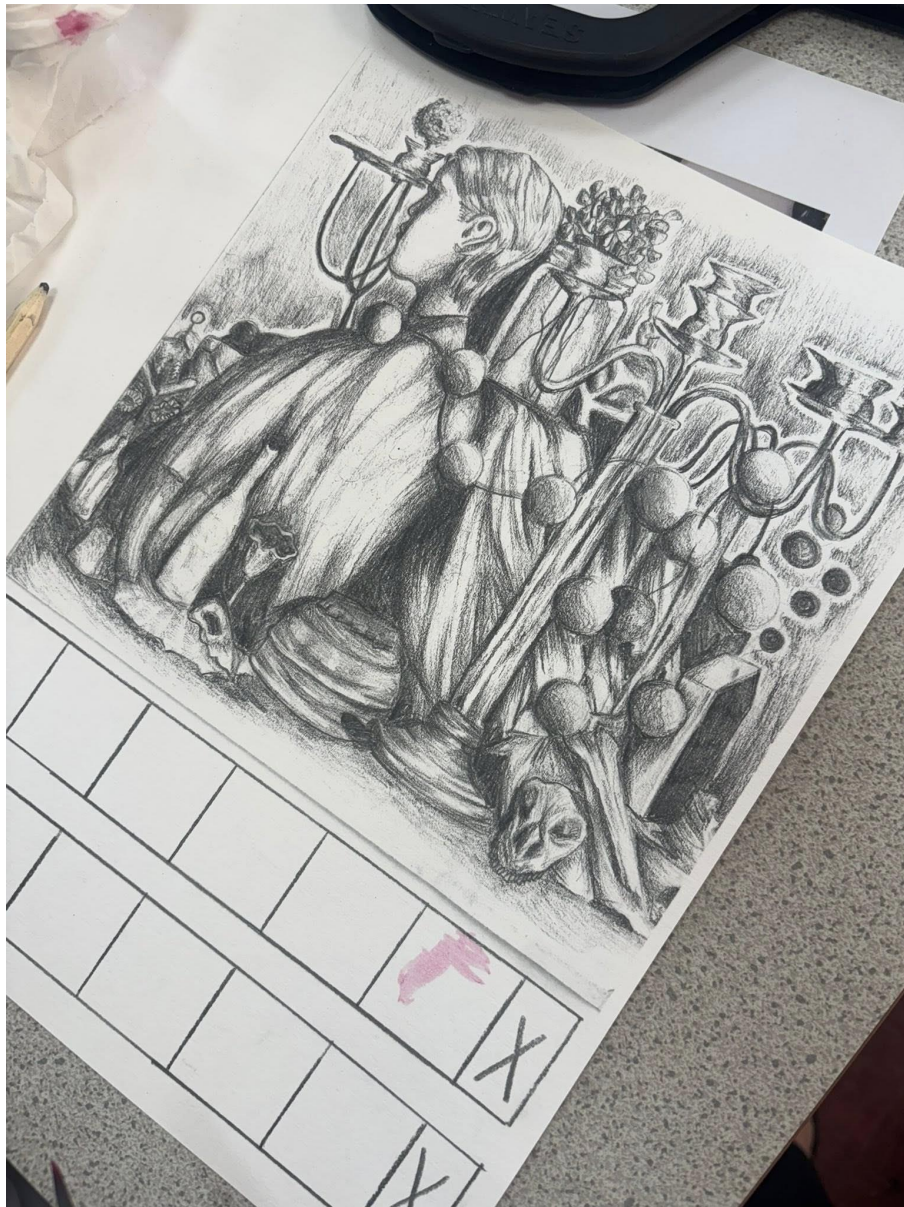


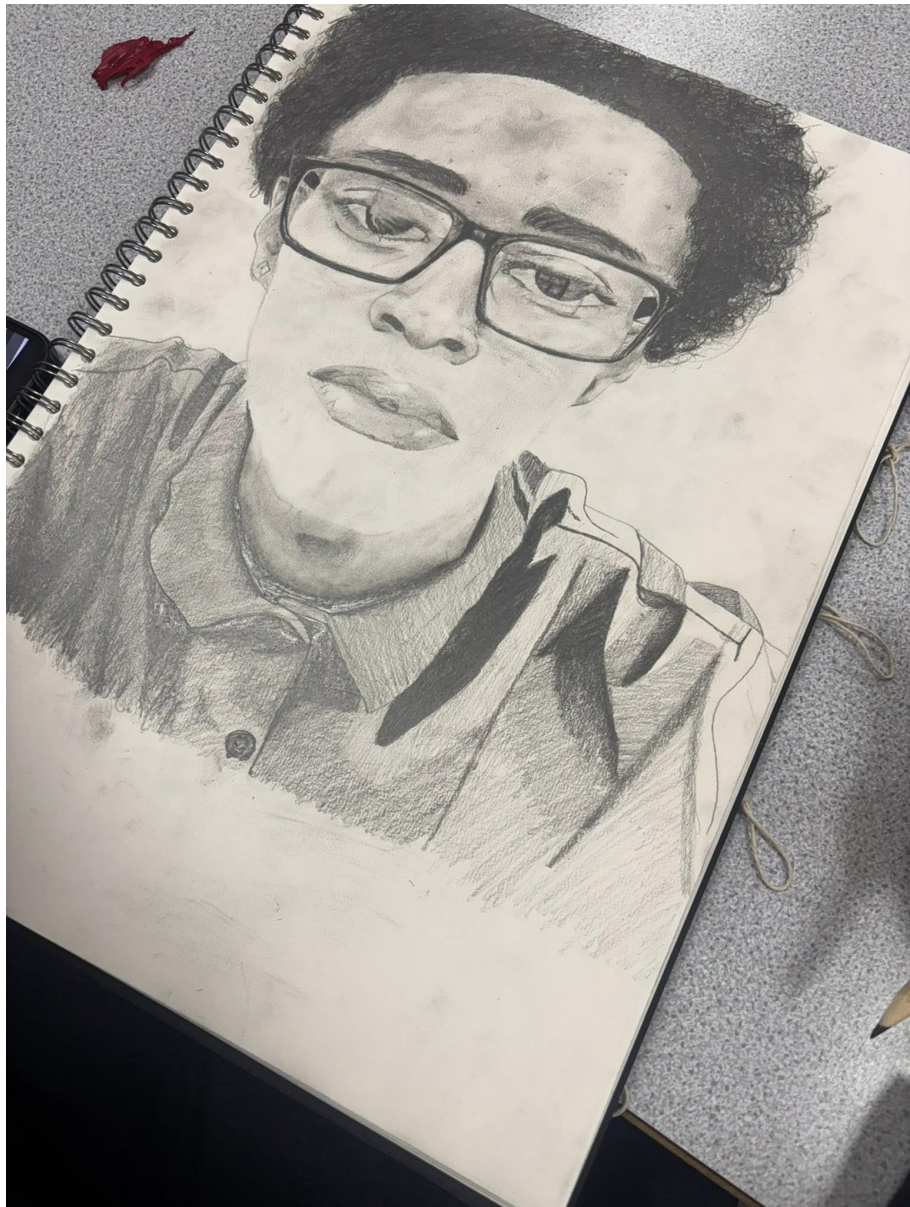




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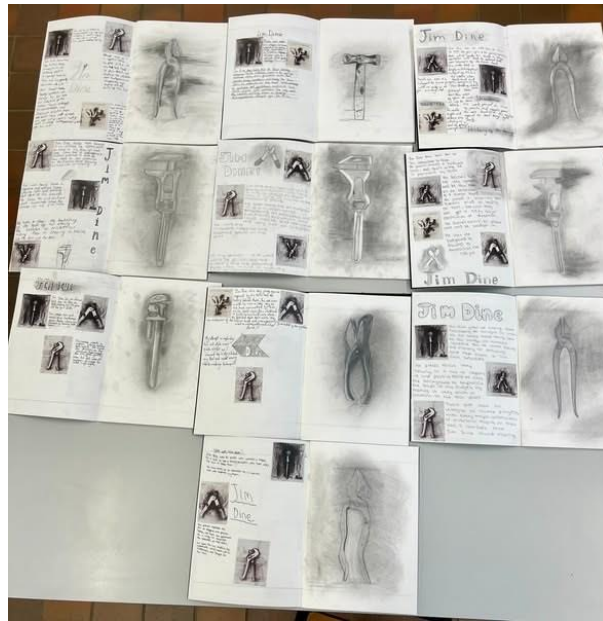


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... and some more from KS3





We are totally inspired by our KS3 students who are doing some fabulous artwork at the moment- Look at these Jim Dine inspired drawings!

### DT: Year 10 Cooking





***Everyone focused***

***Everyone on task***

***Everyone cooking***

Year 10 added a bit of spice to their life when cooking with Mrs Brotherston today. On the Menu: Curry & Naan bread.

Students loaded it with wonkey veg, grown, picked and chopped from our very own allotment.









Harry Potter Night





WOW... What a fantastic event. We had 50 students. After they came through Platform 9 3/4, they were sorted into houses. They then went on to some house challenges; They created a **new magical ghost**, invented their very **own potions**, played a game a of **Quidditch** and went down **eyeball alley**.

Everyone had a fantastic time and a big thank you to Catherine, Evie, Karissa and Ebonie who were my very competitive house captains.

**The winners on the night were ..... GRYFFINDOR!**

Can't wait for next year!! 😊

## Culture Day





A highlight of the year for many students and staff are our Culture days.

Mr Turmo Celaya and Miss Fitzjohn have assisted in arranging the 2x annual Culture Days at Wrenn, one each for the Upper and Lower schools.

Heading it this year is our 6th Form students:

**Cultural President: Nyasha C**

**Vice President: Shumaya K**

As we have only just wrapped up the Upper School event, you'll have to keep a look out on our [Wrenn School Facebook Page](#) for updates. More to come in our next newsletter.





***But for now...*** If your child would like to be involved in the **next Culture day** on Doddington Road , in **March 2026** (Years 7 - 9 and 6th Form), they may be interested in making their own act to represent their cultural background, or even join one of our clubs:

We want influences from all over the world:

- Dancing
- Singing
- Cultural dress
- Speeches
- Educational
- Displaying artwork

*(While we would love to accommodate home made dishes into our day, due to allergies, we won't be able to accept food made at home)*

***Keep your culture alive and celebrate what makes this world so colorful by sharing it with your school.***

Last year we had collaborations between Russia, Ghana, Jamaica, Poland, India, Ukraine and lots of traditional AND new dances influenced by old traditions. We usually finish it all off with a Modelling Catwalk and a chance for everyone to wave their flag.

This year we're going bigger than ever, and because we are living in one of the most multicultural countries in the world, lets start thinking of ideas of how you would like to represent your backgrounds.

If students would like to put themselves forward, please get in touch with:

**Mr Lucas Turmo Celaya** - [Lucas.Turmo@wrennschool.org.uk](mailto:Lucas.Turmo@wrennschool.org.uk)

SUBJECT LEAD - MFL & ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Last year





CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY

JOIN THE

# CULTURE DAY

## MUSIC GROUPS

COMING SOON

Clubs run from November until performance in March

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CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY

JOIN THE

<b>CALYPSO BAND</b>	Day: Friday Time: 3:20-4:00 Room: AT0	Mr Pearmain & Mr Grainger	STARTS: 7TH NOVEMBER
<b>AFRICAN ANTHEM WITH CHOIR</b>	Day: Tuesday Time: 3:15-4:00 Room: AT7	Mr Pearmain & Miss Zoboky	STARTS: JANUARY
<b>DRUM CIRCLE</b>	Day: Tuesday Time: 3:20-4:00 Room: AT8	Mr Pearmain	STARTS: 4TH NOVEMBER
<b>UKULELE BAND</b>	Day: Friday Time: 1:35-2:05 Lunch Room: AT8	Mr Pearmain	STARTS: 4TH NOVEMBER

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## FREE Sleep Workshop



**Half term Week – October 28th – Wellingborough Family Hub – Penrith Drive**

**Are you aged between 12-16yrs or know someone who is? If so come and join us at our next 'Sleep workshop'.**

Are you tired of being tired? Ever struggled with your sleep routine? Are you ready to break the cycle? ***Are you Dreaming of a Better Sleep?***

Challenges in falling asleep and staying asleep are common for all ages. It can be worrying and frustrating when we don't sleep well – and this can affect our relationships and make daily life a challenge.

In this FREE iDiscover workshop, we will work with you to create a personal toolkit with simple techniques towards a better sleep routine. Better sleep doesn't have to be just a dream!

Workshop name	Sleep Workshop- Are you Dreaming of a Better Sleep?
Attendee ages	For those aged between 12-16yrs
Where?	Family Hub - Wellingborough - Penrith Drive
When?	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 - 14:00 - 16:00
How do I join?	Please click on this link <a href="#">NHFT iDiscover Courses</a> For more information and to book your place, or you can use the QR code below.



iDiscover is a community for children, young people and those who support them in Northamptonshire. It's here to inspire you to explore who you are, grow as a person and learn new things through a range of free fun activities and workshops

### iDiscover

To view or book on our courses please click here [NHFT iDiscover Courses](#)

## Careers News

### What's been happening



## **Bringing Local Government to the Classroom: A Unique Work Experience Opportunity for Year 10 Students**

We are proud to share the success of a unique partnership between our school and Wellingborough Town Council, led by Town Clerk Sally McLellen. For the past two years, this collaboration has provided an invaluable opportunity for Year 10 students who do not have a traditional work placement to gain hands-on experience within the local council.

Through this initiative, students have immersed themselves in real-world projects that make a tangible impact on the community. From designing an adventure golf course and café concept to planning a flower bed for the town's gardens, these creative and practical tasks have offered students a meaningful glimpse into the workings of local government and civic responsibility.

Our very own Careers Lead, Joanne Bolton, recently attended the South East Midlands Careers Hub annual conference alongside Sally McLellen to discuss the success of this initiative. Their presentation highlighted how this partnership is helping to bridge the gap between education and employment, giving students the skills and confidence they need to prepare for their future careers.

We look forward to continuing this inspiring collaboration and expanding opportunities for our students to explore the world of work in innovative and impactful ways.

### [Careers Mock interviews](#)



## **Year 11 Students Shine in Mock Interviews**

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 11 students who recently took part in a series of short mock interviews. Each student had the opportunity to engage in a one-on-one interview with an external volunteer, gaining valuable experience and insight into the world of work.

Our volunteers came from a wide range of professional backgrounds, including Finance, Human Resources, and more. Their time, expertise, and encouragement made a significant impact, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them.

Understandably, many students felt nervous before their interviews. However, they emerged from the experience feeling more confident and far less daunted by the idea of future interviews. It was a fantastic opportunity for personal growth and preparation for life beyond school.

Congratulations to all our Year 11 students for their courage, professionalism, and positive attitude throughout the process!











### **Exciting Opportunities Await Next Term!**

When we return after the half-term break, we're thrilled to share some exciting events and opportunities lined up for our students.

#### **🌸 Year 11 Council Work Experience Project – Flowerbed Planting**

A handful of our Year 11 students who took part in the council work experience project will have the unique opportunity to see their designs come to life as they help plant the flowerbeds they created. This is a fantastic way to celebrate their hard work and creativity while contributing to the local community.

#### **👜 Work Experience Launch for Year 10 and Year 12**

We're also excited to announce that work experience opportunities will be released for our Year 10 and Year 12 students. This is a valuable chance for them to explore career paths, gain practical skills, and build confidence in professional environments. More details will be shared soon, so keep an eye out!

#### **🎓 Year 7 Careers Day**

Our Year 7 students will take part in their very own **Careers Day**—a full day off-timetable dedicated to exploring the world of work. Students will have the chance to engage with professionals from a variety of industries, ask questions, and discover new career possibilities. It's a fantastic way to spark curiosity and broaden horizons at an early stage.

#### **🧠 Barclays LifeSkills for Year 10**

Year 10 students will begin their **Barclays LifeSkills journey** next term. Across four one-hour workshops throughout the academic year, students will focus on key employability skills including adaptability and resilience, CV writing, interview techniques, and workplace

behaviours. These sessions are an incredible opportunity to build confidence and prepare for the transition into Year 11 and beyond.

We look forward to an inspiring and productive term ahead!

### **Are You – or Do You Know – a Wrenn Alumni?**

We're reaching out to all former students of Wren to help us grow our alumni network and strengthen the bond between past and present members of our school community.

Whether you graduated last year or decades ago, we'd love to hear from you! Our goal is to build a united collaboration with our alumni, exploring new ways to work together and support current students through mentoring, career insights, and shared experiences.

If you are a Wrenn alumni, please email our Careers Lead, Joanne Bolton, at [Joanne.bolton@wrennschool.org.uk](mailto:Joanne.bolton@wrennschool.org.uk) so we can add you to our alumni mailing list.

Alternatively, if you know someone who attended Wrenn, please encourage them to get in touch. Every connection helps us build a stronger, more vibrant Wrenn community.

Let's celebrate our shared history and shape the future—together.

### **We Need Your Feedback!**

At the heart of our Careers Programme is a simple goal: to ensure that what we offer is meaningful, relevant, and empowering for our students. To achieve this, we need your input.

We're inviting parents, carers, and members of our school community to take a few moments to review our current Careers Programme, which is available on our website under **Curriculum > Careers**. Your feedback will help us understand what you expect from a careers programme and what information you and our students need to make informed decisions about their future career paths.

Once you've had a chance to look through the programme, please complete our short Microsoft Form using the link below. Your insights are incredibly valuable and will help us shape a programme that truly supports our students' aspirations.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

## Sports



### Kinball

On 23rd September, Miss Simpson and Mr Payne took 5 students to a Kinball event at Rushden school. Most the students on the team had never played Kinball before but all students gave it 100% effort and, by the end, were Kinball pros!

Students were kind and polite, demonstrating the Wrenn ethos of 'respecting others' throughout, helping each other and students from other schools. Students embodied what it means to be a Wrenn student and should be very proud of themselves!



### Football Tournament at Maplefields

Mr Payne had the pleasure of taking a group of KS3 students to Maplefields Academy for an inclusive football tournament on 9th October. All the students demonstrated our Wrenn values so well! They were such a respectful group of students who did the school so proud.

Praise them highly! They were fab!! Big shoutout to Isabelle for getting a hattrick in the last game!



### The Girls First Football Game

Year 7 girls below who played their very first football match on 23rd October against Northampton Academy. **They won 1-0** and showed true resilience, courage and determination!!

### Giving Back



Jeans for Genes























On Friday 26th September, our Sixth Form raised money for Jeans for Genes, raising awareness of those with genetic disorders across the UK. Each form designed jeans that depicted the important issues outlined by <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/pay-in-your-money>

Well done to Jess and her form for placing first! 🏆

Please do support this important cause!

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thankyou to anyone and everyone who contributed to the coffee morning. We raised £300 exactly!!!!

## Dates for the Diary



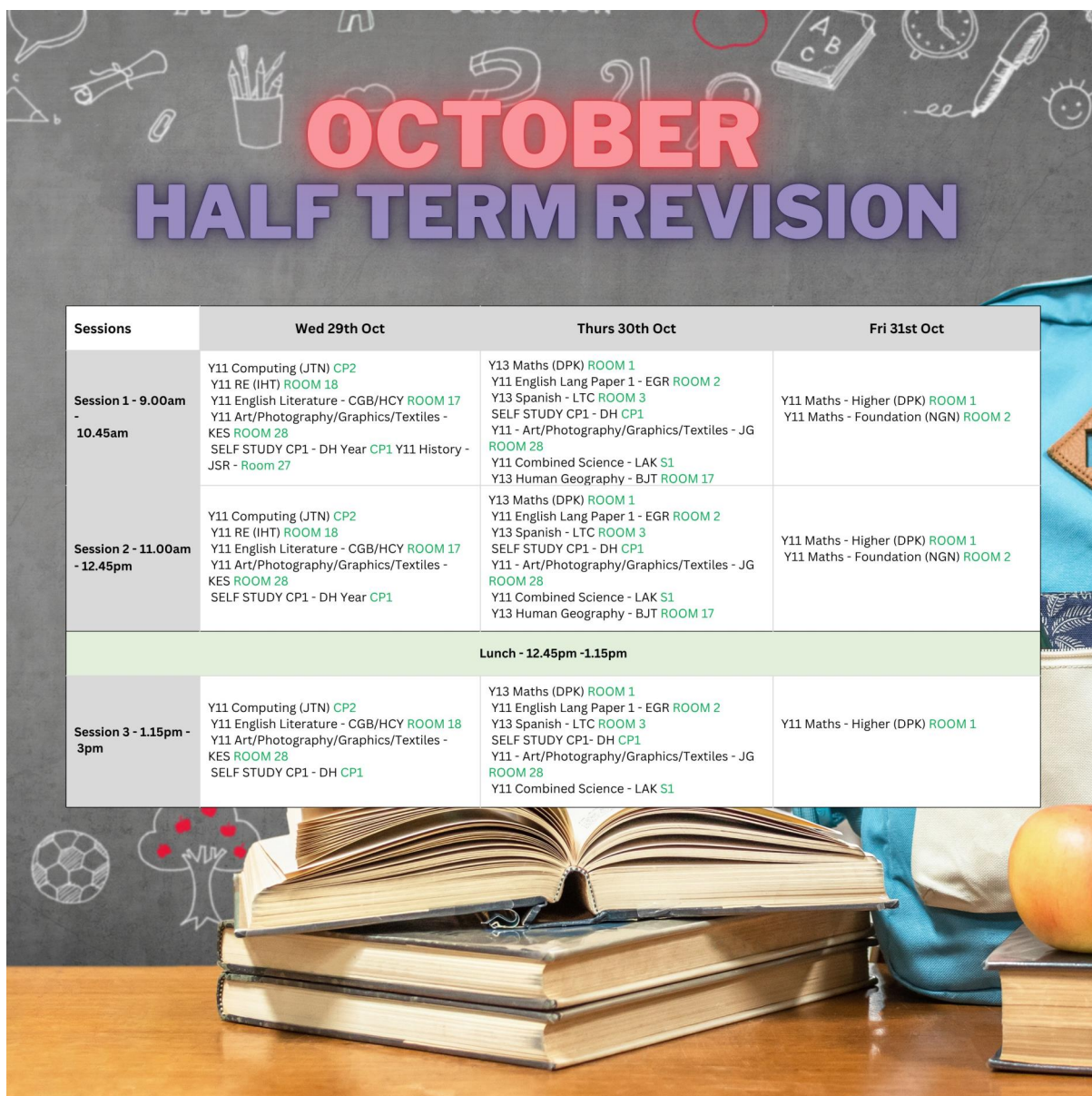
2025 - 2026 Parent Events	
Year Group and event	Date
Y11 Passport to Success Evening	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 6pm-7:30pm (London Rd)
Year 6 Open Evening Informational Talks (no need to book)	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025 Doddington Road - 6pm - 8pm Talks at 6pm and 7pm
Year 7 Intro to Secondary School Evening	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 @ 6pm-7pm
Year 10 Key to Key Stage 4 Evening	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025 @ 6pm-7:30pm
Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 @ 6pm-8pm
Year 9 Parent Evening (online)	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 3:30pm-7:30pm
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026 @ 5pm-7pm (London Rd)
Sixth Form Parent Evening (online)	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 @ 4:30pm-7:30pm
Year 11 Parent Evening (online)	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 @ 3:30pm-7:30pm
Year 7 Parent Evening (online)	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 3:30pm-7:30pm
Year 10 Parent Evening (online)	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 @ 3:30pm-7:30pm
Year 8 Parent Evening (online)	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 3:30pm-7:30pm
Year 6 Information Evening (for Y7 intake September 26)	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ 6:00pm-7:00pm

Term Dates	
Open to pupils on the morning of:	Closed at end of afternoon on:
Term 1: <b>Year 7 only</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 Whole School return – Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Term 2: Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 @1:30pm
Term 3: Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Term 4: Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 1:30pm
Term 5: Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Term 6: Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 @1:30pm

Bank Holidays	Training Days
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 Christmas Day & Boxing Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025 Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026 – New Year's Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 Good Friday and Easter Monday	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – May Day	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Late May Bank Holiday	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026 – August Bank Holiday	

## 🌟 October Half Term 🌟

We are delighted to offer a range of additional revision sessions for Y11 and 13 over October Half Term. Each is an opportunity to make progress and Y11 students will be awarded 5 points...



Sessions	Wed 29th Oct	Thurs 30th Oct	Fri 31st Oct
Session 1 - 9.00am - 10.45am	Y11 Computing (JTN) CP2 Y11 RE (IHT) ROOM 18 Y11 English Literature - CGB/HCY ROOM 17 Y11 Art/Photography/Graphics/Textiles - KES ROOM 28 SELF STUDY CP1 - DH Year CP1 Y11 History - JSR - Room 27	Y13 Maths (DPK) ROOM 1 Y11 English Lang Paper 1 - EGR ROOM 2 Y13 Spanish - LTC ROOM 3 SELF STUDY CP1 - DH CP1 Y11 - Art/Photography/Graphics/Textiles - JG ROOM 28 Y11 Combined Science - LAK S1 Y13 Human Geography - BJT ROOM 17	Y11 Maths - Higher (DPK) ROOM 1 Y11 Maths - Foundation (NGN) ROOM 2
Session 2 - 11.00am - 12.45pm	Y11 Computing (JTN) CP2 Y11 RE (IHT) ROOM 18 Y11 English Literature - CGB/HCY ROOM 17 Y11 Art/Photography/Graphics/Textiles - KES ROOM 28 SELF STUDY CP1 - DH Year CP1	Y13 Maths (DPK) ROOM 1 Y11 English Lang Paper 1 - EGR ROOM 2 Y13 Spanish - LTC ROOM 3 SELF STUDY CP1 - DH CP1 Y11 - Art/Photography/Graphics/Textiles - JG ROOM 28 Y11 Combined Science - LAK S1 Y13 Human Geography - BJT ROOM 17	Y11 Maths - Higher (DPK) ROOM 1 Y11 Maths - Foundation (NGN) ROOM 2
Lunch - 12.45pm -1.15pm			
Session 3 - 1.15pm - 3pm	Y11 Computing (JTN) CP2 Y11 English Literature - CGB/HCY ROOM 18 Y11 Art/Photography/Graphics/Textiles - KES ROOM 28 SELF STUDY CP1 - DH CP1	Y13 Maths (DPK) ROOM 1 Y11 English Lang Paper 1 - EGR ROOM 2 Y13 Spanish - LTC ROOM 3 SELF STUDY CP1 - DH CP1 Y11 - Art/Photography/Graphics/Textiles - JG ROOM 28 Y11 Combined Science - LAK S1	Y11 Maths - Higher (DPK) ROOM 1

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