

Principal's Update Newsletter



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A letter from the Principal

I want to start by saying a huge thank you for all of your support over the year so far and thank you to those of you who have been in touch with me to offer your support whilst I am Acting Principal, I certainly am #proudtobewrenn. The students and staff have been working hard to embody all our WRENN values and I am sure you can see them throughout this update.

We are almost at the half term break and exams are in full swing! This update showcases all of the amazing things our students and staff have been involved in since Feb half term and I have to say, reading it makes me even prouder of our wonderful Wrenn family.

The weather is finally warming up and I am sure that all of our families are looking forward to a well deserved rest during May half term, and that our students will come back refreshed and ready to learn. Y11 and Y13 will be continuing with exams, and we feel sure that their hard work will pay off when it comes to results day. We are all looking forward to the lead up to summer and another jam-packed term at Wrenn.

Mocks & Exams

We would like to say a HUUUUUUGE **thank you** to all the students for their efforts in the last Mock Exams and their attendance throughout revision sessions at Easter and we wish them every success in their final exams over the coming weeks.

The Mocks will have given them some perspective to prepare for the real thing and also helped determine what grade they are likely to expect in the final exam.

Work hard

Respect others

Enjoy learning

Never give up

Navigate your future

While it's important to give it 100%, students are also encouraged to take a balanced approach to avoid burnout. Take a break, have a plan, know your limits, spread it out, talk

with others about it. A little progress is still progress, so just keep making steps and have a goal in mind... and maybe a reward too for your efforts!

Knowledge Connected Pattern Day

During Key Stage 3 our students focus on self-development and employability skills. We aim for our students to have an understanding about the qualities they possess and the skills they can develop. They learn about these as part of the Key Life Skills curriculum and our CET Knowledge Connected Concept Days. From Year 7 onwards students are also provided with plenty of opportunities to explore the many different careers available to them.

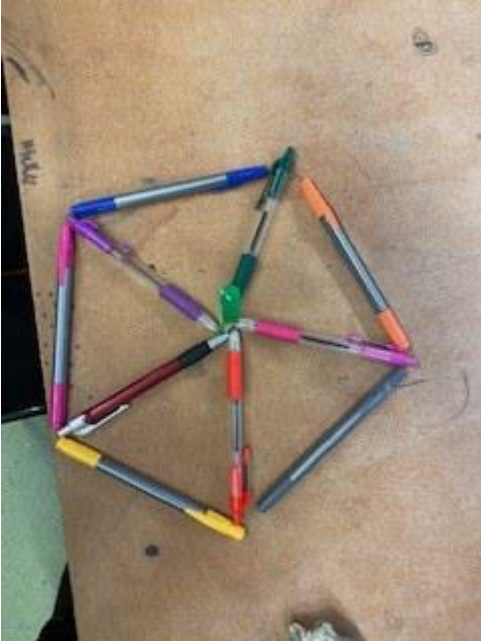
It's a chance for students to explore one of our 6 key concepts with what CET believe are essential skills that run through all areas of the curriculum and life! (Pattern, Meaning, Structure, Human Interaction, Performance and Practice). In year 7 students are off timetable and explore several different activities where they focus on 1 strand at a time with their tutor. In year 8, students explore 1 strand at a time but in their usual lessons. These lessons are provided by CET so all schools in our academy do these days and we all do them on the same weeks!













It's a Crime Scene





Our Year 10's had the wonderful opportunity of undertaking a Crime Scene to Courtroom Workshop in which they saw a case from start through to conclusion. Their tasks for the day included listening to a 999 call and deciding what action should be taken based on the limited information they had, observing a crime scene set up, noting down the abnormalities, watching witness interview tapes and finally arguing the case in a mock courtroom. The question on all our minds was... were they found innocent or guilty? The students did fabulously well and left the workshop with a more detailed understanding of the types of careers surrounding law.

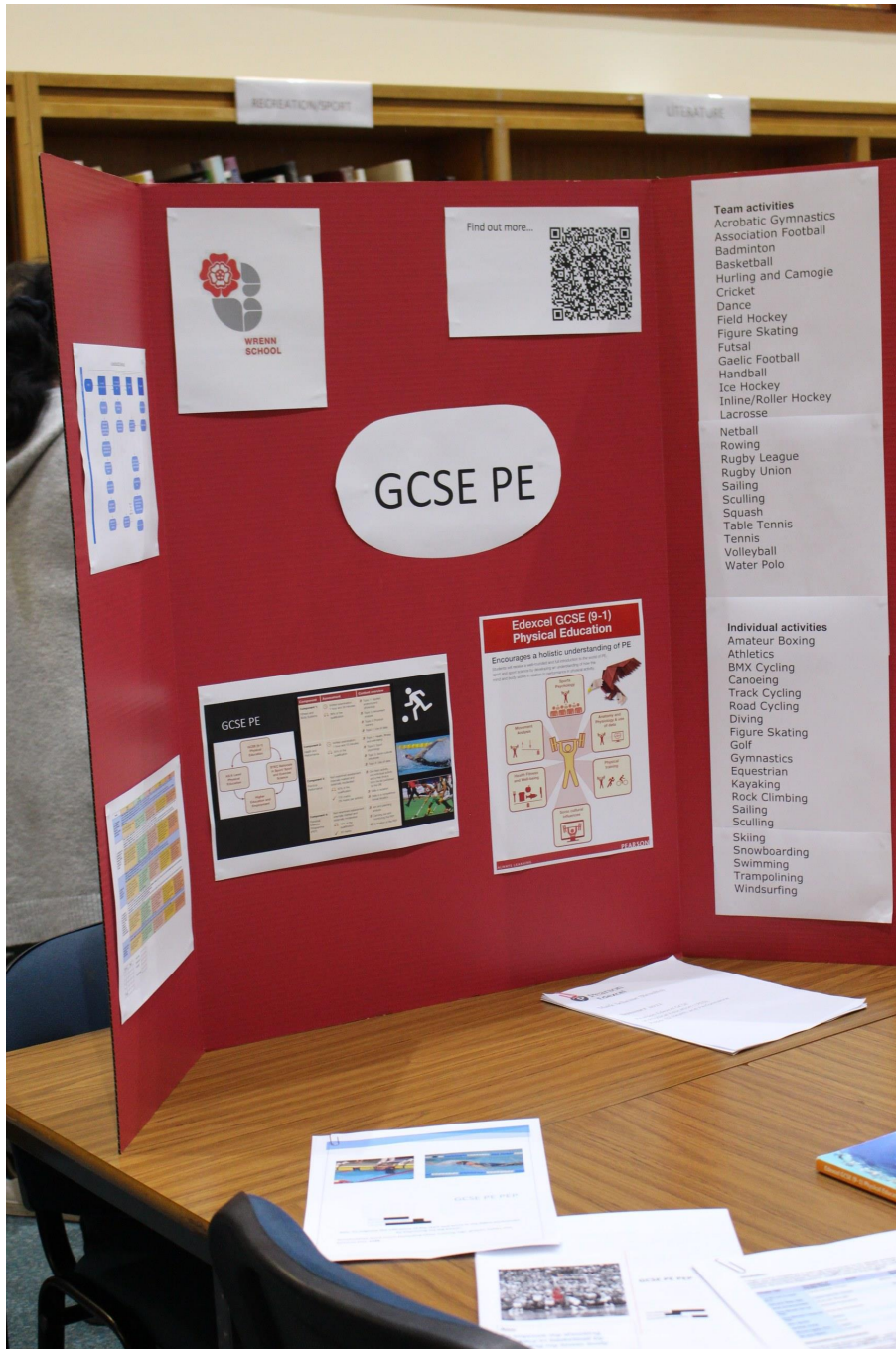
Isle of Wight Trip



The students have done incredibly well, facing fears, building their water confidence, learning to interact with new peers, supporting one another and having to think independently. These are all life skills which they need to develop, and they have shown new sides to their personality outside of the classroom which has allowed new relationships with staff to develop.

Year 9 Options Evening

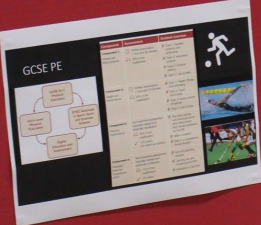
With so much choice, we wanted to really connect with the students and parents so they can make well informed decisions on their subject choices. Take a look at some of the previous students work as a bit of an insight into what lies ahead in years 10 & 11.



GCSE PE

- Team activities**
- Acrobatic Gymnastics
 - Association Football
 - Badminton
 - Basketball
 - Hurling and Camogie
 - Cricket
 - Dance
 - Field Hockey
 - Figure Skating
 - Futsal
 - Gaelic Football
 - Handball
 - Ice Hockey
 - Inline/Roller Hockey
 - Lacrosse
 - Netball
 - Rowing
 - Rugby League
 - Rugby Union
 - Sailing
 - Sculling
 - Squash
 - Table Tennis
 - Tennis
 - Volleyball
 - Water Polo

- Individual activities**
- Amateur Boxing
 - Athletics
 - BMX Cycling
 - Canoeing
 - Track Cycling
 - Road Cycling
 - Diving
 - Figure Skating
 - Golf
 - Gymnastics
 - Equestrian
 - Kayaking
 - Rock Climbing
 - Sailing
 - Sculling
 - Skiing
 - Snowboarding
 - Swimming
 - Trampolining
 - Windsurfing



Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education

Encourages a holistic understanding of PE

PE 11/2020









World Book Day

The Weeks challenges included

All Week (27th Feb - 3rd Mar) - Swap a book (max of 3) for **5 points**

Tuesday - Guess who's behind the book - find photos of mystery staff members around the school and guess as many as you can - **1 point for each.**

Wednesday - Favourite book - for **5 points** write the name of your favourite book and author on a bookmark and hang it on the Reading Tree.

Thursday - Our Favourite Book Day! Can you find out which staff members are their favourite book characters? - **1 point for every staff members signature**

Friday - Winners were announced!!!

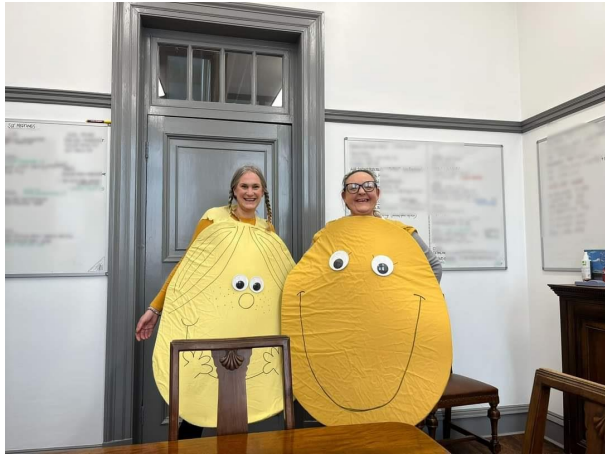
1st Prize: Amazon Kindle

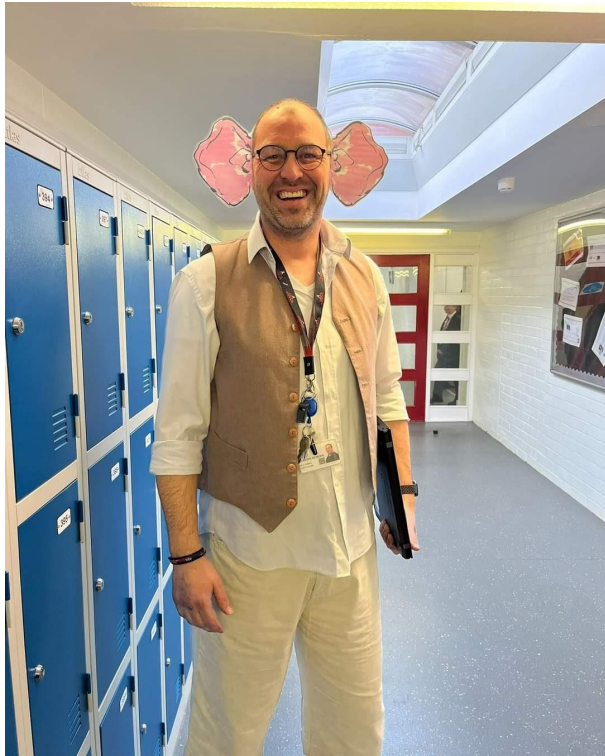
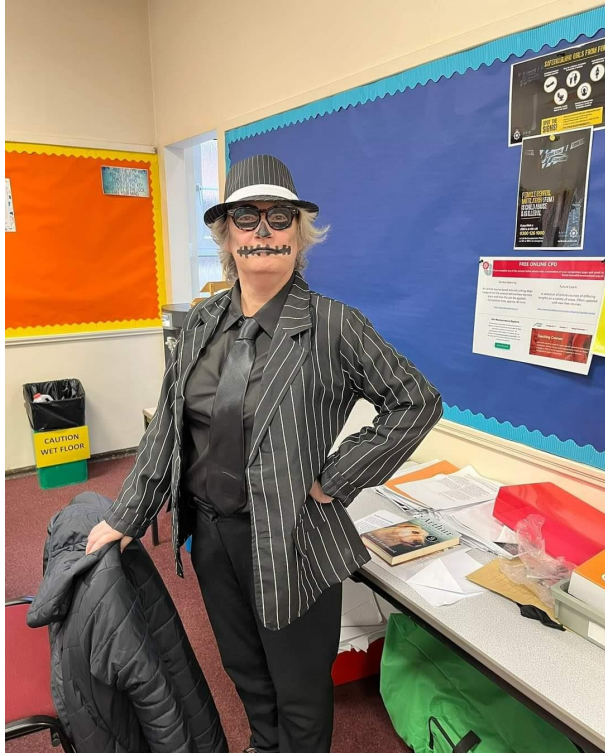
2nd Prize: £20 Book Voucher

3rd Prize: £10 Book Voucher







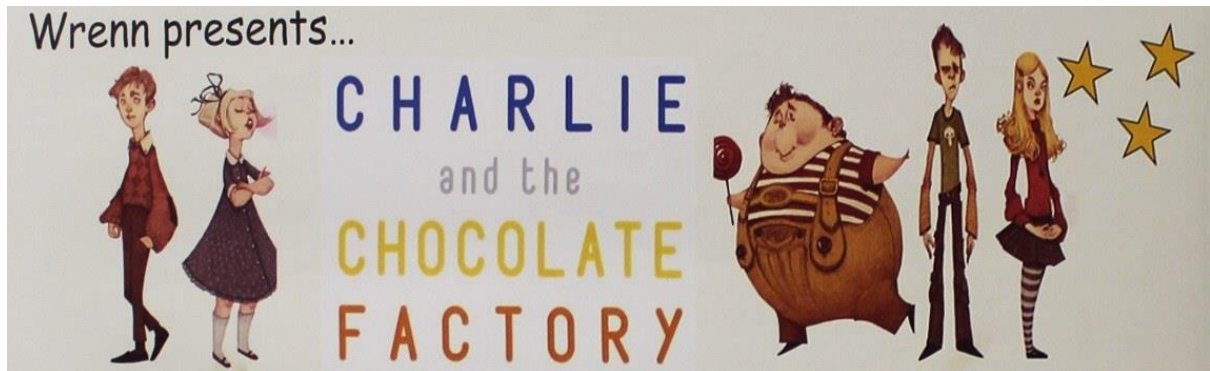








Charlie & the Chocolate Factory - A Wrenn Production





We hope you haven't over indulged on chocolate over the Easter break. If you ate way too much chocolate and can't stand the sight of it, then turn away now, as **Wrenn Presents: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.**

With auditions over and characters assigned, the production is well underway. Rehearsals are going well and there are many students looking forward to the performances in July (dates TBC).

All the favourites are there... especially the Oompa loompa's, It looks like many are still on script, but the overall performance is on track with some very interesting scenes. Dates of the show are **still to be confirmed**, but to be expected around the middle of July. We are all looking forward to it!

CET Orchestra



The CET Orchestra (a collaboration across many schools up and down the country within the CET) have been rehearsing for their upcoming concert in June where they will perform for Abbeyfield School. A wide range of music has been covered from pop favourites, to classical arrangements. With so many students getting involved, it will be a treat for the students and teachers to see them all in a very full orchestra and choir.

Work Experience Week



During Work Experience Week, The Year 12's went off to their various work placements to see what their futures could look like. Many will have had the opportunity to pick something of interest to them. We also had a few students trying various roles at Wrenn. From teaching

assistants to technicians, they fully embraced it and worked their socks off! We hope this has been a valuable insight into what the future may hold for them.

Careers Fair

Our year 10 and 11 students attended our Careers Fair on the evening of January 11th. In attendance were all 3 major local colleges, Moulton, Tresham and Northampton. We also had some local businesses and organisations attending to allow our students to speak with them to try to help them determine what their next steps after GCSE might be. Feedback from both students and organisations was positive with some students saying they enjoyed being able to explore their options.

Extra Curricular clubs

Scalextric club - (or should I say Micro Engineers heaven) Every Tuesday after school, students are working on much more than just a Scalextric club, they are fixing and creating their own cars, there's trains too and students working on blending racing with film and soundtracks.



Sports



Rugby

The year 8 boys rugby team were able to finish an exceptional 2022/23 season with another unbeaten run at the 'Northampton Saints Project Rugby Festival' - having won three games and drawing one (totalling only 2 losses this year from 9 games and dominating most wins!). Wrenn's lowest scoring win, this season, was won 20-5 and the highest 40-0 - which just goes to show the talent this team have.

To reward the students for their participation and effort, Northampton Saints treated them to both a full stadium tour and meet and greet with Courtney Lawes (renowned England and Northampton Saints ex-captain/club legend).





Table Tennis



We took a group of students to the Northamptonshire Schools Table Tennis competition. From year 8 we had Tor West-Ley, Dominic Jursa and Freddie Cooper....Tor WON.....and will now go on to represent the county at the National Finals on Saturday 22nd April

Indoor Athletics Tournament

We took 5 KS3 students to represent the school in the district inclusive indoor athletics tournament and our pupils, not only performed brilliantly, their attitudes and effort was also fantastic. Wrenn were amongst other schools, such as Weavers, Rushden, and Friars to participate in a range of activities for those pupils on the SEN register.

Charity events



Young Carers Awareness Day

Wednesday 15th March is Young carers awareness day - we have many fabulous students who are young carers. To raise awareness for these amazing young people, **we will be selling ribbons the week before for 50p** and students will learn about being a young carer and the difficulties and issues they face on a daily basis. Students can purchase their ribbon in form time. The money raised will go to the Children's Society where they support young carers: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/supporting-young-carers>

Red Nose Day - Comic Relief

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day - comic relief - whole school mufti - students will be allowed to **attend in mufti for a £1 donation, as long as they wear something with red on it.** Money raised will be split between comic relief and Welsh 3000.

RED NOISE DAY

Welsh 3000 Fair













Friday 24th March - Sixth form students held a charity fair to some students in the lower school (years 7, 8, 9) to raise funds for the Welsh 3000 trip, that seven sixth form students, along with Miss Earl participated in over Easter. Students were able to purchase cakes, pay to play games and enjoy themselves while raising as much money as possible for a sensory room at the school.

They raised £429.74 - did amazingly well.

Welsh 3000 Trip





We took a group of year 12 students to complete the classic Welsh 3000s Challenge spread out over three days. This was to raise money for two mental health sensory rooms. This classic traverse of all the peaks in Wales above 3000ft is about 26 miles from the summit of Foel Fras to the summit of Snowdon. The route over Crib Coch requires a good head for heights, and if you aren't great at moving relatively swiftly on steep terrain, anything less than three days can be emotional.

"From the experience, I have learnt to keep persevering until you reach the end goal as once you get there, it will all be worth it and I have also learnt to appreciate walking when back at home as that is very, very easy when compared to the climbing and walking we did."

'Against Breast Cancer'



We are also participating in the **bra recycling scheme** for the charity 'Against Breast Cancer' and have a **bra bin** situated in Sixth Form at our London Road site. Please look through your drawers or ask relatives and friends to donate any unwanted bras, whether new or old and ask your child to bring them in. It's time to bin your bra! Our bra recycling scheme takes your unwanted or unloved bras raises vital funds for pioneering breast cancer research. The same bras also help to support small businesses in developing countries in Africa and around the world. Together with our recycling partners, our textile recovery project prevents these bras going into landfill before giving them a new lease of life in countries such as Togo, Ghana and Kenya, where bras remain expensive to produce locally.

Successful ventures like this provide an income for families in developing countries whilst providing employment for people living in the UK. Any bras that are genuinely beyond redemption are dismantled and disposed of properly.

For every tonne of bras collected, Against Breast Cancer receives £700 to fund our research. With over 30 million women in the UK you could really help make a difference!

Dates for the Diary



GCSE's ongoing from 15 May to 27 June

Wed 24th May - Future First Workshop

w/c 29th May – Half Term

w/c 5th June – Y9 Assessment Week

Thur 8th June - Desert Rats

Thur 8th June - Y10 Information Evening

w/c 12th June – Y8 Assessments

Mon 12th June – Y9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice walk Group A

Tue 13th June – Y8 Boys District Softball @ Huxlow (after school)

Wed 14th June – Knowledge Connected (Performance) for Y7

Wed 14th June & Thur 15th June – Barclays Life Skills for Y10.

Thur 15th June – Y7 Parents Evening

Fri 16th June – HPV Vaccinations for Y8

w/c 19th June – Y7 assessments

Mon 19th June – Y9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice walk Group B

Tue 20th June – UCAS Careers Fair Y12

w/c 26th June – Y10/12 Mocks

Wed 28th June – Y13 Prom

w/c 3rd July - Y10/12 Mocks continue

Mon 3rd -Tue 4th July – Y6 Transition Days

Fri 7th July – Staff Training Day (Closed to students)

w/c 10th July – Character Education Week & Y10 Work Experience

Mon 10th & Tue 11th July – Y9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh assessment Group A

Mon 10th - Wed 12th July - STEAM Days for Y7/8/9

Tue 11th & Wed 12th July – Sixth Form Induction

Thur 13th & Fri 14th July - Y9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh assessment Group B

Fri 14th July – Sports Day

Mon 17th – Wed 19th July – Y10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh assessment

Mon 17th July – Sixth Form Olympics at Wollaston School

Tue 18th – Y10 Success Awards Assembly

Wed 19th July - Success Awards Assembly (Year TBC)

Thur 20th July - Success Awards Assembly (Year TBC)

School closes 2pm

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