

Principals Update Newsletter (Nov 2022- Jan 2023)



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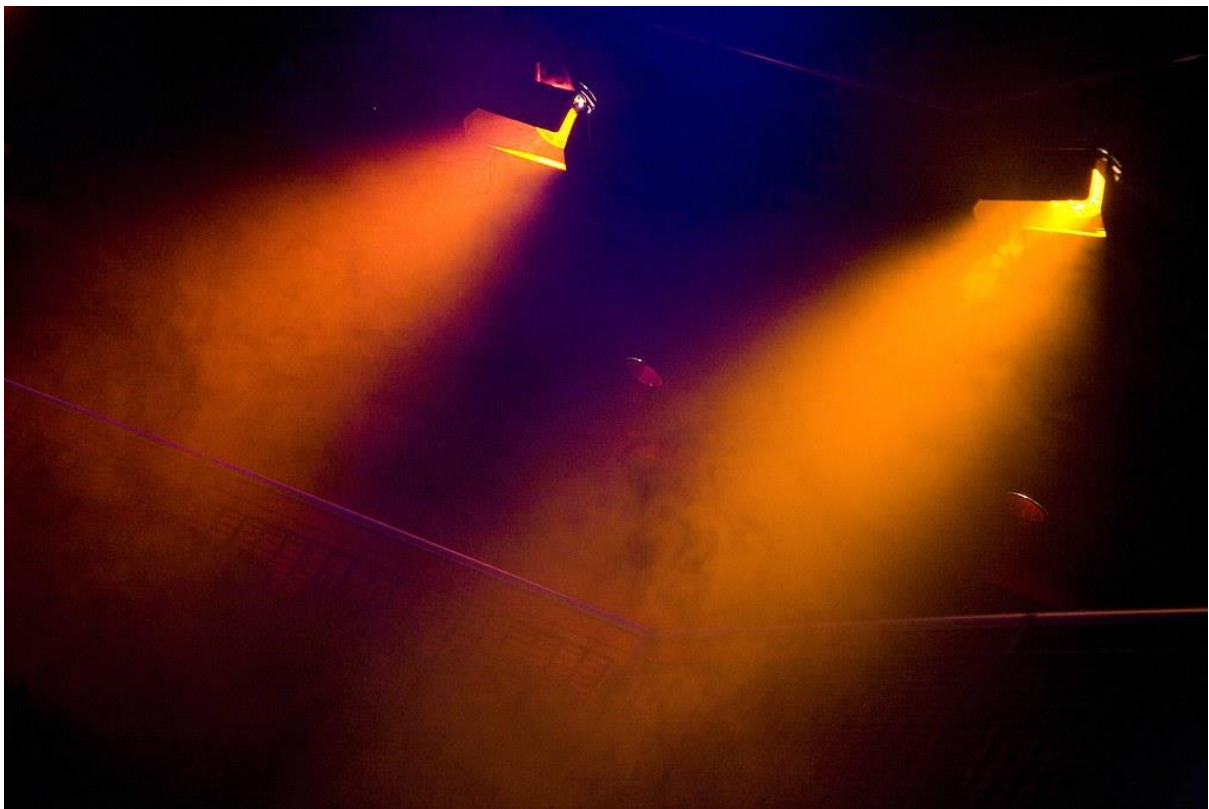
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It's Showtime!



CET Shakespeare Festival

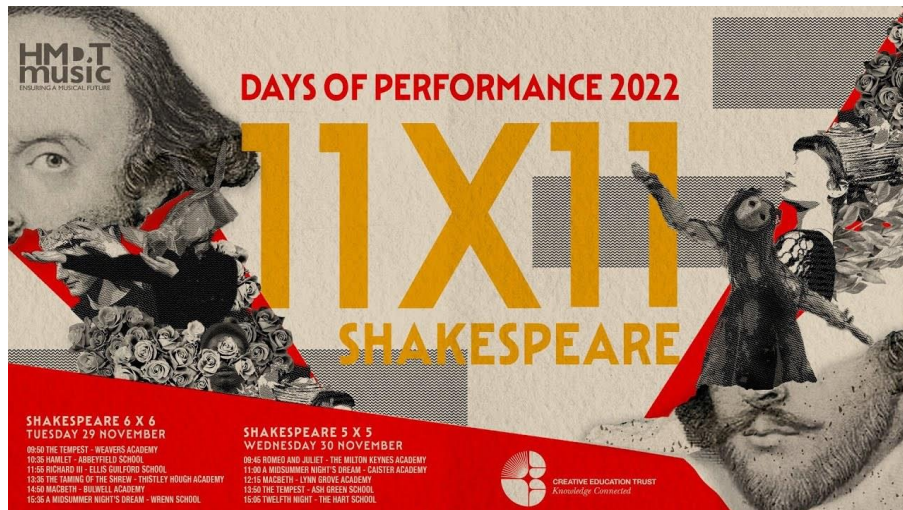
We took part in the CET Shakespeare Festival which was hosted by Abbeyfield School this year. A collaboration of schools performing scenes from the most well known Shakespeare plays. This year Wrenn did a 30 minute performance from A Midsummer Night's Dream

A huge well done to the students who performed "A Midsummer Night's Dream" today at Abbeyfield school. We have been rehearsing every Wednesday and Thursday after school since the 2nd week of September and today, their hard work (and ours) finally paid off. They were absolutely incredible. The talent and enthusiasm, from students in year 8 all the way up to year 12, was inspiring and they made us super proud.

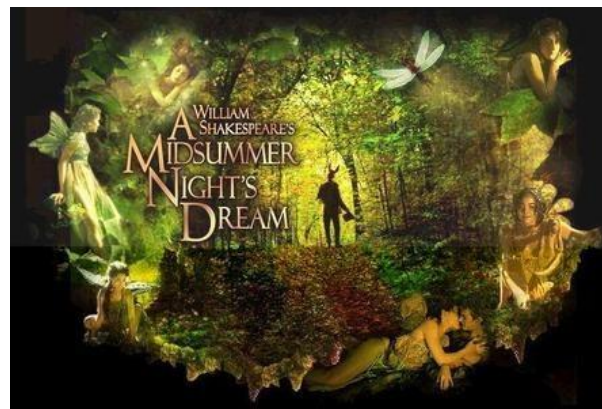
Here is the link if you would like to watch it back. It really was a cracker. Katie was so pleased to hear multiple audience members refer to Wrenn as "saving the best till last!"

You want to watch from 7 hours 23 mins. We closed the show today.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WV6h8I5jho>



1 - [A Midsummer Nights Dream - Shakespeare School Festival \(youtube\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WV6h8I5jho)





Rehearsals













Wrenn Rocks - Live lunch concert



(Work in progress - picture)

Usually you'd have to pay good money for dinner and a show. I couldn't say who's experience was better! The audience who got to enjoy songs while they eat, or the student bands who rocked their socks off on stage with their friends!

It's a WIN-WIN for Wrenn!







'Festive Celebration Concert 22'

What an opportunity to showcase the talented students of Wrenn. There was something for everyone, From traditional Christmas carols and choirs, to alternative arrangements such as Beatbox Christmas mash-ups and Rock versions of well known, festive favourites.

This year we saw performances from:

Rock bands - **Unorthodox Jukebox & Tokyo Lights**

Ashley Masson, Kendra Okelola, Lilly Vivash-Peters, Oliver Hartwell, George Gallacher

Choir/Audience Carol performances

String Group

Flute soloist - Esma Draper

Keyboard Duo - Keira Scully and Kendra Okelola

KS3 Choir

Piano solo - Rose Townsend

Viola Solo - Noah Carr

Guitar Group - Festive Mash-up

Beat Box Duo - Callum Binder & Archie Norris-Wright

Year 7 Choir

We would also like to say a special thank you to everyone involved that made it happen, parents for your efforts during out of school hours, staff for all the hard work they have put into preparing for this event and especially to the students that prepared the food on the night. What a tasty way to enjoy a good show!

Christmas Jumper Day

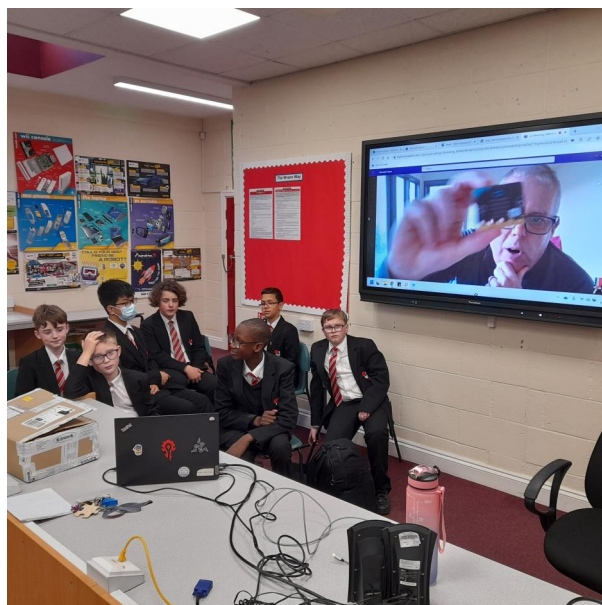
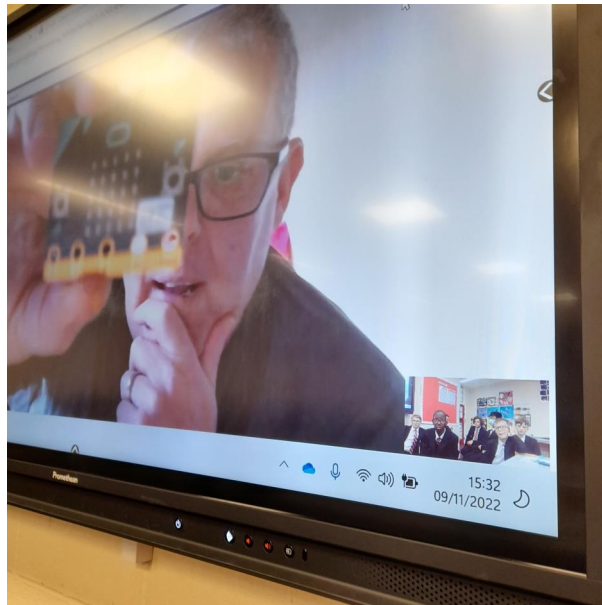
(Work in progress)

For the last day of term, we thought it would be a festive way to end the year, by having a Christmas Jumper Day. This year we stayed warm and colourful, all while raising money for **Save the Children** and **Wellingborough Food Bank**



Robotics

Some of our KS3 students met with the leader of the BCS of Robotics Level 1 Course on 9th November, to get some hints and tips on the creativity of their robot design, build and programming elements. Its Inspiring what the next generation are going to accomplish. To think that in the not too distant future, lessons like this will probably be done using holograms.



Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

A Huge Congratulations to the 17 students that got "Best in School" and reached the **Gold Award**

Sennen Aldwinckle-Carr

Sophie Croft

Jayden Hargreaves

Stella Brown

Molly Johnson

Henry Coe-Welch

Noah Lambert

Sydney McKie

Kenzie Hadley

Elise Cousland

Tabitha Dopson

Fraya Hall

Emily Ratcliffe

Victor Titovich

Ava Ireland

Max Traczyk

Lewis Buswell



Sixth Form Winter Ball

We are looking forward to seeing our 6th Form Students for a night to remember, please remember that the Winter Ball is only for sixth form students only.

Date: Friday 13th January 2022

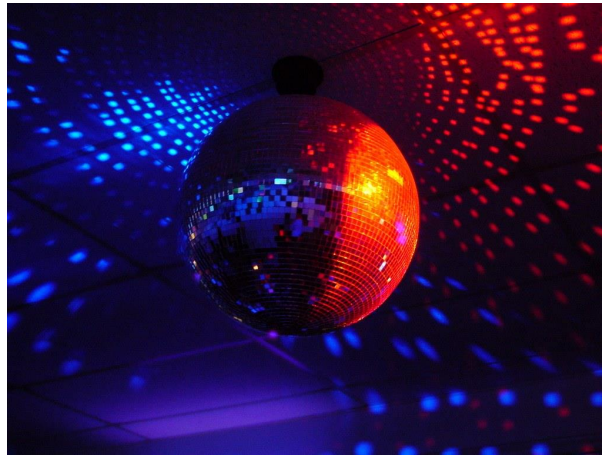
7.30pm - 12.00am

It is at **The Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports field**, Sywell Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 6BS

Tickets are £12, includes hire, DJ and treats

Payments for tickets are to be made **before 16th December** - not enough tickets sold will cause the Winter Ball to be cancelled.

If you have any queries on payments, please speak to Mrs Mayes



6th Form Open Evening

Kicking off the evening to a great start was our very own students, saying a few words about their thoughts on Wrenn, and why they chose to stay on for Sixth Form

340 families came to Open Evening

120 families toured after Open Evening



2 - Sixth Form Open Evening





3 - Sixth Form Common Room



4 - Our Media Students lending a helpful hand that night





5 - Religious Studies





6 - Learning Resource Center









Some very impressive artwork

Sixth Form Charity Events

(Work in progress)

Gingerbread House Making Contest!

On 15th December, the Sixth Form students ran a Gingerbread House making contest. We couldn't build real houses, but hopefully this will help something to the volunteers at **Habitats for Humanity charity**, who rebuild and repair homes for those most in need.

Well done to who came in **1st** and who came **2nd**

All proceeds went towards **Habitats for humanity Charity**, if you would like to know more, please visit [Habitat for Humanity](https://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk)

£350 raised last half term through **McMillan Coffee Morning**, **Young Minds yellow ribbons** and **jeans for Genes**.

Foodbank Collection

8.4 Million People are struggling to afford to eat. A further 4.5% report that they have been a full day without anything to eat. Our own research shows that 46% of people accessing the services of our charity partners have gone a whole day without a proper meal in the last November.

Our whole school and community Foodbank Collection ran from **7th Nov - 9th Dec**

You all have helped collect a huge amount that will help this winter. On behalf of the Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your generosity.



7 - London Road site

(So much was donated, in order to capture it, our photographer had to be dangled from the ceiling like a pantomime character)



8 - Doddington Road site

Extra Curricular clubs

Student Parliament

Student Parliament is up and running. First meeting saw over 100 reps leading on student voice. We also have primary ambassadors, sixth form leaders, mentors on the Give Back pathway, academic mentors and sports leadership. Over 30% of students are taking up leadership roles.

Chess Club



Meets after school on Mondays in A17.

Finn Jennings, who has just been awarded the title **Wrenn Chess Club Master** (the first player to achieve this distinction) and is now working on becoming a Wrenn School Chess Master.

The titles come with the right to wear a "CHESS" badge on the school uniform.

Wrenn Chess Club Master: blue badge

Wrenn School Chess Master: green badge

Wrenn Chess Grand Master: red badge

Warhammer Club

Open to Years 10 to 13 every Tuesday.

Interested in Artwork, fantasy, games? Well this has the lot!

Warhammer is a **tabletop battle game which puts players in command of armies of valiant humans, noble elves, savage orcs or a variety of twisted and monstrous creatures**. Our students collect and paint forces of miniature plastic models, all with different stats and abilities, and use them to play out clashes on a tabletop battlefield.





Wrenn Rocks

Ever wondered if "School of Rock" could actually be a real thing? Well... we crunched the numbers, doodled around a little bit and it turns out that not only can we do this, but we could have room for several bands to start up right under our noses at Wrenn School with our **brand new** project: **Wrenn Rocks**.

We will be running 2x afterschool sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Any Students that wish to join please fill in the quick form below, (**you will have to use your student email address**)

[Wrenn Rocks registration form](#)

If there is space in on your chosen instrument, you will receive an email to confirm your place.

you can also find out more by speaking to:

Mr Grainger (Music Technician based at London Rd site) - Band Mentor

Mr Waterhouse (Music Teacher)

or email: james.grainger@wrennschool.org.uk

WRENN ROCKS

After school band



We're putting the band together!
Whether you are an experienced musician, or just want to get started, you can join a band that will perform in LIVE shows and play the music you love. We have the following instruments (limited availability). We are also open to others if you play them.

Keyboard * Singer * Drums * Elec. Guitar * Bass * Other...



**To SIGN-UP speak to: Mr Grainger (Music Technician),
Mr Waterhouse or your Form Tutor.**

Or email: james.grainger@wrennschool.org.uk



Sports

Year 8 Boys Sports

- Earlier in the term, they **won the District Dodgeball Tournament** which qualifies the team into the **Country Dodgeball Tournament** early next year.
- This term, the **boys basketball team** came 2nd place in the district tournament. Unfortunately, they lost out on progressing to the county tournament by 1 point!.
- The **boys football team** have also beaten Huxlow (twice) and half draws against Wollaston and Manor. Starting their season off well, further fixtures will resume after Feb half term.

- Year 8's also participated in the **Northampton Saints Project Rugby scheme** which provided over 6 hours of coaching from Northampton Saints coaches. Students have also been invited to play at Franklins gardens (14th) which will include a **stadium tour, meet and greet of players** and also the chance to watch the **first 15 train**.
- We are set to host **Malcom Arnold** on **Monday 12th December** with several other matches scheduled to be played after the Christmas break.
- **Handball** trials also commence **Tuesday 6th and 13th** in preparation for the national cup fixture next year. Games are set to be played across the east of England and London.

The U13 Girls played in their 7-a-side District tournament on 6th December. They finished **4th out of 9 schools**, only losing one game and **conceding just one goal all tournament**. The girls beat Weavers and Wellingborough school, drew against Hatton and their only loss was to the Ferrers school which was their first match. We had 4 Year 7's who played for the first time with the Year 8's and certainly strengthened the team, so a massive well done to them.

Big "**well done's**" to:

Kiera Moffett, Isha Patel, Lillyanne Wade, Kyla Tapa, Kyla O'Reily, Ruby Palmer (Cpt), Sophia Stafford, Sophia Dillane, Elana Sorrell, Millie Harries, Saoirse Lawlor.

Remembrance Day

As part of our Summer School experience, year 6 took part in a clay workshop. They made clay poppies which we display on Remembrance Day. We will continue to run this programme until we have enough poppies to represent every soldier from Wellingborough who lost their life in WW1 and WW2.

A 2 minute Silence was held at 11:00am. One of our Science Technicians: Callie Scully, agreed to play "The Last post" on French Horn.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for all your contributions. £262.80 was raised for the Royal British Legion



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 262.50
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely

Anita
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ 4,890

Registered Charity No. 219279



9 - Reception



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/MNqt6PNkCKJF2XoY#content=Jb8vIFsA6esey8>

Resilient Me Workshop

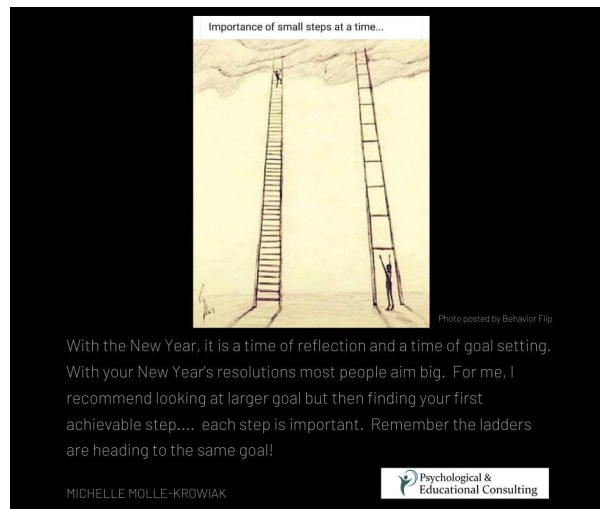
Our year 11 students took part in workshops designed to give them some tools to help them cope with some of the stresses they are likely to face this school year and to help them build up some resilience. With the mock exams that have just happened, and the exams yet to come, We wish that all our students not to just try their very best, but also to feel their best when doing so.

It focused on the mindset of the individual, setting no limitations and acknowledging that even the greats like; Michael Jordan, Albert Einstein and Steve Jobs (to name a few), who were all facing their very own challenges at low points in their lives, still overcame their own hurdles to achieve what they wanted to do.



Many of the students included in this newsletter have worked so hard to achieve these things. It's worth remembering that its not always perfect the first time we try something. It all starts with taking that first step, like climbing a ladder, its better to take small steps that keep going forward, than giant ones that can be difficult to climb.





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