

# Principal's Update Newsletter (Feb - March)



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## A letter from the Principal

Well that was a whirlwind of a term! It doesn't feel like long ago since I was writing the last Principal's letter, but here we are again at the end of a term where our students and staff have been working their socks off.

From Duke of Edinburgh trips, World Book Week and Knowledge Connected to musical soirees, Crime Scene Investigations and another round of mock exams it's been another busy term. I am so proud, as always, of the way our students have navigated their futures and continued to work hard.; you'll certainly see all of our WRENN values throughout this update.

Year 11 and 13 are now in their final stretch and the time and dedication they have shown to their studies continues to be evident: we'll see lots of them in during the Easter break.

Finally, it leaves me to say have a very happy and restful break and we look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well in the Summer term.

Laura Parker

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## Term Round-ups

### Year 7

"This term has flown by and after Easter we start the Summer Term. I can't quite believe how quickly time has flown and we have just interviewed our Year 7 students to be Primary School Ambassadors. They will be ready to guide our new Year 7's as they have transition days in readiness for September.

We have had three fantastic students taking part in a **Trust Choir event**, students involved in the **Mock Magistrates** event at Oundle School, **sporting success** with the girls and boys football teams and the Girl's U13's are still unbeaten in the **District League**.

A key date to keep available is **Thursday 9th May** which is the **Year 7 Parents Evening**. This will be carried out online and you will be able to start booking appointments after Easter.

Students will also be completing their second set of assessments of the week commencing 17th June. I wish you all a restful break, we are looking forward to more exciting times in the Summer term. "

**Miss Fitzjohn**



**Year 8**

Wow! What another great term!

Year 8 have completed AP1 and have worked hard on to show improvement with their purple pens. The way in which they have responded to feedback is exceptional. Hopefully this will enable some positive and constructive conversations at Parents' Evening.

Our indoor athletics team had amazing success by becoming **county champions** and our extra curricular pupils in general are going from strength to strength.

Ms Austin organised the **Donate and Take**, which was manned beautifully by our pupils. Thank you to all who took part.

We have our end of term Celebration Assembly where we will be able to celebrate the amazing achievements of Year 8 this term - it is always a difficult choice for all of the tutors.

Next term will continue with our extra curricular offer, and I look forward to seeing the continued enthusiasm from our pupils in this area. We also have Knowledge Connected day to look forward to.

For now though, enjoy a restful Easter break. Take care.

**Mrs Mainprize**



## Year 9

This term for Year 9 has been about Options. We finally got there; they have been chosen! Thank you to all of our year 9 parents for your support with this, it has been greatly appreciated by all staff and students involved in this process. For such a short term, we have made progress following our first assessment point, with students highlighting to me where things have gone really well and have given me ideas about where I can support them going forward.

Looking into the next term, options will be finalised and given to students as well as the last big push on graduation ready for the last term on Doddington Road before they make the move to London Road and Year 10.

## Miss Lawman



## Year 10

Another great half-term from year 10! Our students worked hard in preparation for their assessments and when the time came to complete them they have all done extremely well. As their progress leader I have been so proud of how they have approached these assessments. In assemblies we have spoke a lot about how their 'Future Self' wants them to do well in these assessments! By doing well now we are in a good position moving forward for our Mocks and eventual GCSE exams. Keep up the amazing work in lessons as your future is looking bright.

We have also spoken a lot about our '**Internal-Benchmarks**' and having those high standards. Staying humble, being punctual to lessons and engaged has been key to these internal benchmarks. These are all key traits that will give us the right character and mind-set after students finish school and as they move into adulthood. Again, this has been a key focus in our assemblies. Many of our students have been demonstrating this excellent mind-set with a high number achieving 0% lates, 100% attendance and many achievement points. Please make sure you are checking your child's Arbor and discussing this with them.

We had a fantastic **visit from Moulton College** who spoke about the different vocational options available. From Engineering to Stone Masonry, there are some great opportunities available for vocational subjects.

Well done year 10 for a fantastic half term. One more term to go before we start that all important final year of our GCSE's.

**Mr Mallen**



## **Year 11**

“Well, it may have literally been a shorter half term this time around, but it has felt just as long as the previous for our year 11s (and tutors, and teachers!!). This half term included the completion of our second round of mocks which we began with straight after half term break. Students managed these well and we saw much better preparation this time around than in the October series of mocks. To mark the end of mock season, we also held another mock results day for year 11. Students got to experience again what it will feel like to open their results in August, but with the focus this time being on how far away from their next steps they are and what they need to do to achieve this. It was lovely to see huge amounts of improvements from Assessment Point (AP) 1. Well done Year 11!

Our points mean prizes initiative has also continued. The year group as a collective have obtained over **52,000 points** since January which is absolutely incredible! We have given out lots more £10, and now £20 vouchers for those who have achieved the bronze and silver level of incentive. In fact, 242 pupils have achieved their first bronze certificate and 20 their silver with more making their way to this level imminently. This half term has seen a battle for top of the leaderboard between Valerie and Kacper, but whilst we were focused on this competitiveness, Antonio snuck up the leaderboard and knocked Kacper off second place! We look forward to seeing how that evolves next half term. We have also ran some extra incentives this half term. We want to ensure all students know that the sessions, revision, Period 6, and daily attendance that points mean prizes is linked to will be having a positive impact, regardless of where they are in the leaderboard. This is why we randomly picked one year 11 who have been engaging with the sessions we have put on to win a £50 prize (shout out to Dexter Y) and then for the past two weeks launched **#100for100** which marked giving a £100 prize to the 100th person on the leaderboard. The only catch was that they had to be in school to claim and they had to have completed Sparx homework and GCSEpods in the previous week. We are really pleased to announce this was claimed by Sapphire S. Great job!

Moving into Easter, we have revision sessions being held on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the first Easter week. Last half term’s revision was incredibly popular with many pupils attending all four days or for some sessions on each day. We are incredibly lucky and thankful to the staff who continue to give up their time to run these sessions during their breaks and very thankful to the pupil’s who engage in these sessions. If extra revision and support is not incentive enough for our young people, students will receive 5 points per session they attend each day. They must be in to get the benefit of these sessions,

so do discuss this with your child at home to see what sessions they would like to attend / should attend because of their mock results last week. Every session does count!

Each lesson after Easter breaks counts more than ever. I hope your Y11 child has a restful break as we need them in for every lesson, every revision session, every day when we return.

### **Miss Casie Wright**



### **Sixth Form**

We are very proud of our Sixth Form students who continue to display great work ethic!

The Sixth Form Personal Growth Pathway continues to be a great success. We are super impressed with our Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) cohort whose presentations were of the highest quality. The students were confident in sharing their EPQ journey and their research findings. We look forward to submitting their final logbooks to AQA. Furthermore, the Sports Leadership cohort continue to showcase their leadership skills in their activities with external organisations, such as Friars Academy, and the L3 Core Maths students are preparing really well for their external exams in May/June.

During the week of 4th to 8th March, all Year 12 students were engaged with Work Experience. The feedback we have received from some employers is phenomenal, and the students came back with such great feedback on their experiences.

In response to the growing need to know more about apprenticeships, our Careers Lead, Jo Bolton, organised a **trip** to Milton Keynes to the **National Apprenticeship Show on 13th March**. At this event, students were given the opportunity to explore various apprenticeship options, and they will use this information to make informed decisions about their post-18 destinations.

Finally, our Year 13 students have completed their final mock exams. Although there were some nerves, they have given their best efforts, and we will continue to support them as they head towards their final exams in May/June.

### **Mrs Thomas-Francis**



## Offer Day



For any parents/carers that have the younger siblings coming to us next year, we are looking forward to meeting our new Year 7's in September! There will be lots of opportunities for you all to start transitioning to Wrenn in the summer.

Please see our transition page on our website to help you.

<https://www.wrennschool.org.uk/.../year-6-into-7...>

If you are looking for any extracurricular clubs and opportunities, please head over to our website to find out more:

<https://www.wrennschool.org.uk/curriculum/extra-curricular-events>

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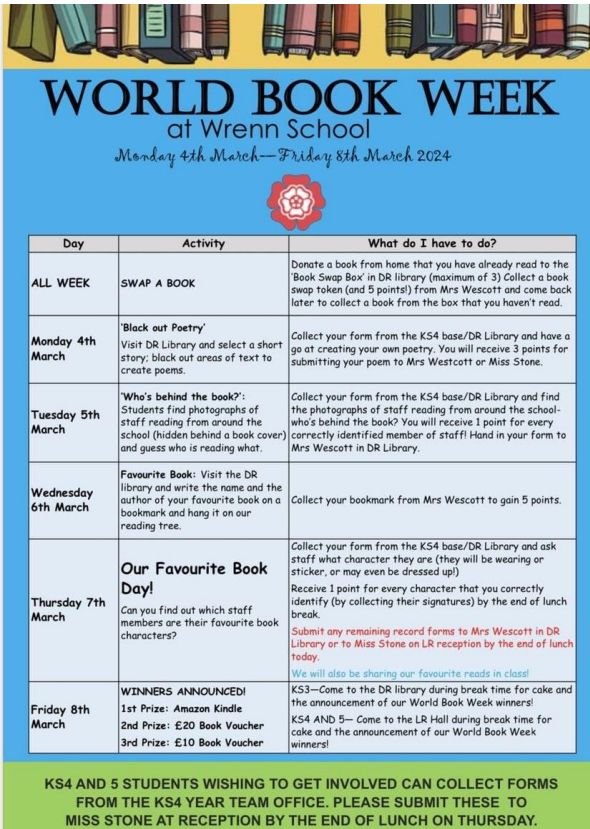
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## Attendance Matters Cinema Trip



Wrenn took every child in Y8 and Y10 who has 96%+ attendance this term to the cinema for a private screening of Wonka. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

## World Book Week



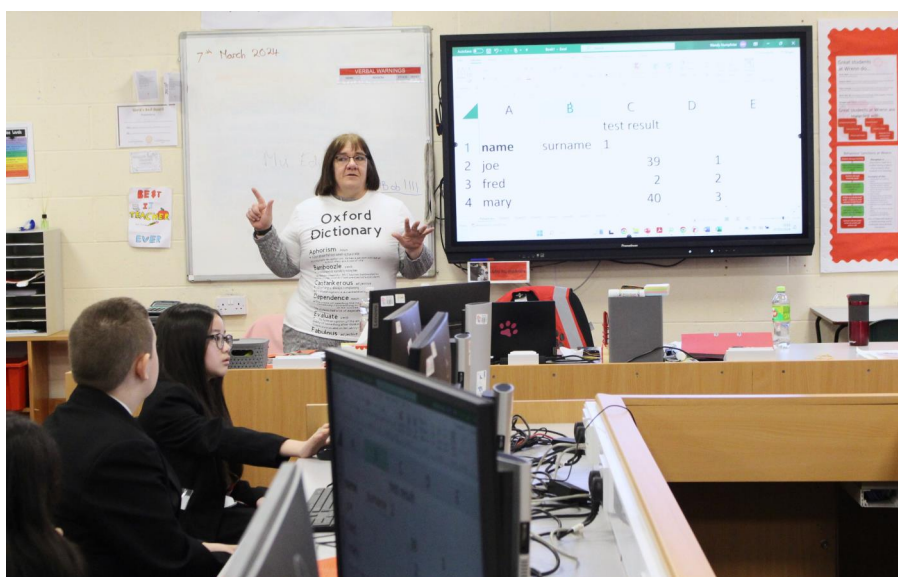
**WORLD BOOK WEEK**  
at Wrenn School  
Monday 4th March—Friday 8th March 2024

Day	Activity	What do I have to do?
ALL WEEK	SWAP A BOOK	Donate a book from home that you have already read to the 'Book Swap Box' in DR library (maximum of 3) Collect a book swap token (and 5 points!) from Mrs Westcott and come back later to collect a book from the box that you haven't read.
Monday 4th March	'Black out Poetry' Visit DR Library and select a short story, black out areas of text to create poems.	Collect your form from the KS4 base/DR Library and have a go at creating your own poetry. You will receive 3 points for submitting your poem to Mrs Westcott or Miss Stone.
Tuesday 5th March	'Who's behind the book?': Students find photographs of staff reading from around the school (hidden behind a book cover) and guess who is reading what.	Collect your form from the KS4 base/DR Library and find the photographs of staff reading from around the school—who's behind the book? You will receive 1 point for every correctly identified member of staff! Hand in your form to Mrs Westcott in DR Library.
Wednesday 6th March	Favourite Book: Visit the DR library and write the name and the author of your favourite book on a bookmark and hang it on our reading tree.	Collect your bookmark from Mrs Westcott to gain 5 points.
Thursday 7th March	<b>Our Favourite Book Day!</b> Can you find out which staff members are their favourite book characters?	Collect your form from the KS4 base/DR Library and ask staff what character they are (they will be wearing or sticker, or may even be dressed up!) Receive 1 point for every character that you correctly identify (by collecting their signatures) by the end of lunch break. <b>Submit any remaining record forms to Mrs Westcott in DR Library or to Miss Stone on LR reception by the end of lunch today.</b> <i>We will also be sharing our favourite reads in class!</i>
Friday 8th March	<b>WINNERS ANNOUNCED!</b> 1st Prize: Amazon Kindle 2nd Prize: £20 Book Voucher 3rd Prize: £10 Book Voucher	KS3—Come to the DR library during break time for cake and the announcement of our World Book Week winners! KS4 AND 5— Come to the LR Hall during break time for cake and the announcement of our World Book Week winners!

KS4 AND 5 STUDENTS WISHING TO GET INVOLVED CAN COLLECT FORMS FROM THE KS4 YEAR TEAM OFFICE. PLEASE SUBMIT THESE TO MISS STONE AT RECEPTION BY THE END OF LUNCH ON THURSDAY.

At Wrenn, we love 🌟🌟🌟 **World Book Week!** 🌟🌟🌟 Staff are dressed up and students are on the hunt for signatures! We were spending the day promoting reading for pleasure!

With Prizes to be won, book swaps, and a fun day on the teacher hunt, we hope this has peaked their interest in reading, whether it's novels, autobiographies, comics, the dictionary... it's all good and can open up a world of knowledge.



1 - Taking World Book Day very literally with the Dictionary



2 - Charlottes Web



3 - Mary Poppins

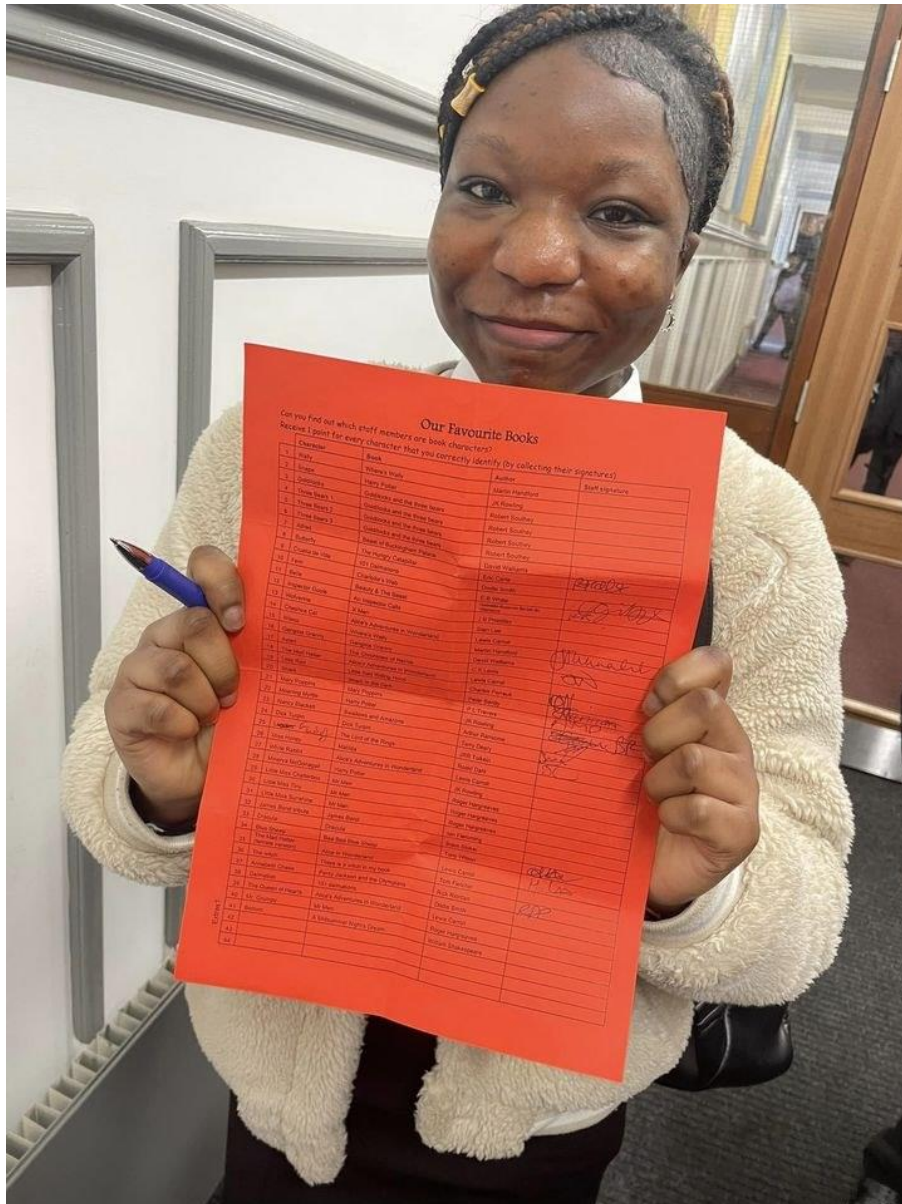


*4 - Little Red Riding Hood, so much DRAMA*





*5 - Another appearance form Mary Poppins*



6 - Checklist, can they find them all?









7 - Off to Hogwarts for a little Maths...



8 - There's Wally!



9 - Beauty and the... Aslan?



10 - Willy Wonka instructing some stage combat in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet



11 - Goldilocks! Run! Don't just stand there!



12 - Cruella De Vil



13 - I could've sworn that she came in dressed as a Caterpillar...



14 - The Mr Men and Little Miss's have made a classic appearance



15 - Ready to sing!



16 - Sir?... Are you Willy Wonka? 🧐 (There's a clue in the hat kids)



17 - A shark... of course it's Shark in the Dark (I hope she can see 🤪)

## Mock Magistrates Competition

These 12 students went to Milton Keynes to compete in the Mock Magistrates competition today. We didn't win any trophies but Wrenn couldn't be more proud of them. The 2nd Prosecutor that is singled out for individual praise is Tor W-L.

Our Mock Magistrates group play out scenarios in real Magistrate fashion, If there are any students looking to start a career in law, this is a unique chance to get some first hand experience into the realities of being in the court room.

The team was made up of students in Year 7 to 9 (most other schools only take year 9s but this way they get to do the competition more than once so next year they will have the benefit of experience.). All the students want to do it again next year. They have done brilliantly, and we couldn't have asked for more from them.

Special thank you to Megan Davies as well for giving up her Saturday to come with us.

### **The Team**

**Prosecution Lawyers-** Molly G, Tor W-L

**Defence Lawyers** - Mia J, Sophie C

**Defendant-** Elsa F

**Witnesses-** Brady -Lee R, Molly, Rose

**Legal Advisor** - May

**Magistrates** - Victoria, Keira S, Kai G

We wish we could've shown some photos of the event, but for *legal reasons*, photos cannot be taken in the courtroom.

## CET Cross-Trust Orchestra

Now in their second year, the Creative Education Trust orchestra is coached and conducted by experienced music teachers from across the Trust. Placing beginners next to more experienced musicians, for many it's a first experience of playing in an orchestra. During the four annual opportunities to rehearse together, performers are tasked with learning challenging music in a range of styles.

With many students eagerly anticipating their **concert performance on 23rd April**, We would be more that happy to have many more students join us for next years performance. Students, please seek out Miss Zoboky, our Music Teacher and Clarinet player, who can help you join in all the fun.



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## We're Going on a Band Hunt Concert

**FREE ENTRY**

# We're Going on a Band Hunt!

WRENN SCHOOL  
Creative Education Trust

Wed 20th March

London Rd Main Hall  
starts: 7.00pm

See music performances from Wrenn's very own students and see if you can spot the secret easter eggs within the performances

- Featuring -

- WRENN ROCKS Bands
- Monospace
- Mati Piano soloist
- CHOIR
- Esme Flute Soloist
- Strings Group
- NMPAT (Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust)
- ROARING EVOLUTION
- Lil' Cruze
- ZOMBIE HOAX



Thanks to all the parents that were able to come out to support their young musicians! With so many talented students, we are proud to be able to play, host and showcase their achievements.

With a mix of music from Choir, Strings, Rock bands and solo acts, they put on a very entertaining night, and hopefully all of you were able to see/hear the movie style "Easter Eggs" within the performances, these were all Spring themed (we are willing on the good weather despite the torrential downpour on the night). Those that got the answer got a little chocolate for each one they were able to guess.

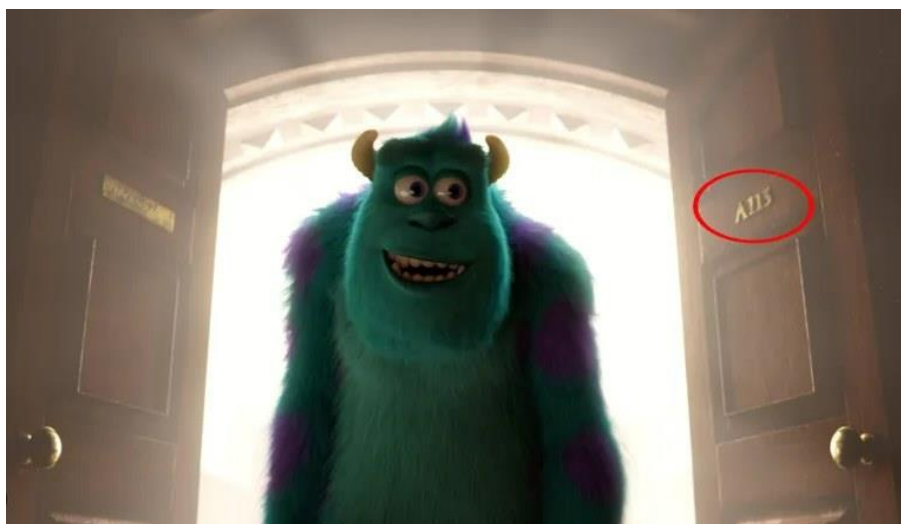
With lovely feedback:

***"The Choir was my favourite, they were amazing"***

***"It's boosted their confidence and they are getting involved in other outside performances too"***

It was lovely to hear the whole audience sing back the replaced lyrics to the band for the final Easter Egg of the night, in the style of ***"Born, to be Wiii-iii--ld"*** but ***"Leaves back on tree--eee-es!"***... **because they were spring themed.**

It really spurred on the bands, you are an amazing audience and we can't wait to play for you again. With even more acts wanting to get involved, we are planning to have a **Summer Showcase** with appearances from our **Dance** and **Drama** department too!





For those that don't know what an *Easter Egg* is (not the chocolate kind): Creators of movies, TV series and now bands 😊, have been secretly including things in their performances either as a reference to something like:

Toy Story: **A113** is a studio code and its variants are an inside joke and **Easter egg** in media developed by alumni of **California Institute of the Arts** referring to the classroom used by graphic design and character animation students, involved in making the films.

Monsters inc: Well, I think we all know that Nemo wasn't a character of Monsters Inc.

Encase you weren't able to find them all:



## “EASTER EGG” HUNT

Like in the movies, some acts have replaced a word, or included something Spring themed into their performance. Can you guess where it is?

Done	Easter Egg Clue	Answer: Lyrics/Other?	Which act/song?
<input type="checkbox"/>	In April showers, this wouldn't keep your head dry	Paper Hats (clothing)	Lil' Cruze - Queen/Another one bites the dust
<input type="checkbox"/>	Even Royalty might be guilty of being a chocolate thief	Another one bites the Egg (lyrics)	Lil' Cruze - Queen/Another one bites the dust
<input type="checkbox"/>	If Peter Pan took a wrong turn, he might end up where the Easter Bunny lives	Off to Easter Bunny Land (lyrics)	Zombie Hoax – Metallica/Enter sandman
<input type="checkbox"/>	It's still a bit chilly, even the trees have a coat	"Leaves back on Tree-ee-ees." ("Born to be wii-iii-ld")	Monospace – Born to be Wild

\*\*\*\*\*Save the Date!\*\*\*\*\*

The **Wrenn Rocks Bands** have been asked to play at **Wellingborough Carnival and Party In Park** on **Saturday 6th July** (*times to be confirmed*), in the town centre. After the Parade, there will be a stage for entertainment set up in the park for our performances and so much more. Please come and support our bands play their **first public live gig**.



18 - Monospace



19 - Mati



20 - Choir



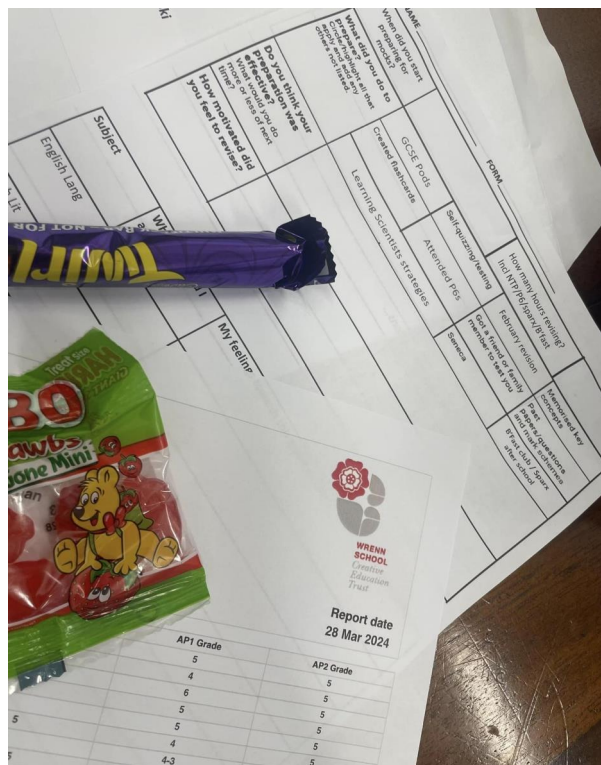
21 - NMPAT - Strings Group



Sat, 6th and Sunday 7th July

**Wellingborough Carnival & Party in the Park Weekend 2024!**

## Year 11 Mocks



Y11 spent the afternoon receiving their grades from their final round of mocks. They used this time to reflect on whether they would have enough for their chosen next steps. 5 weeks until their first exam and lots of opportunities still in front of them!

## GCSE Art and DT

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*WOW, what an amazing half term in Art and DT! KS3 have been exploring techniques, mediums and materials and our GCSE students have been busy working to finish their GCSE pieces. They've been making pies, building units, cooking 3 course dinners, and completing their external exam pieces.*

*We're so proud of our students!*

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### Food



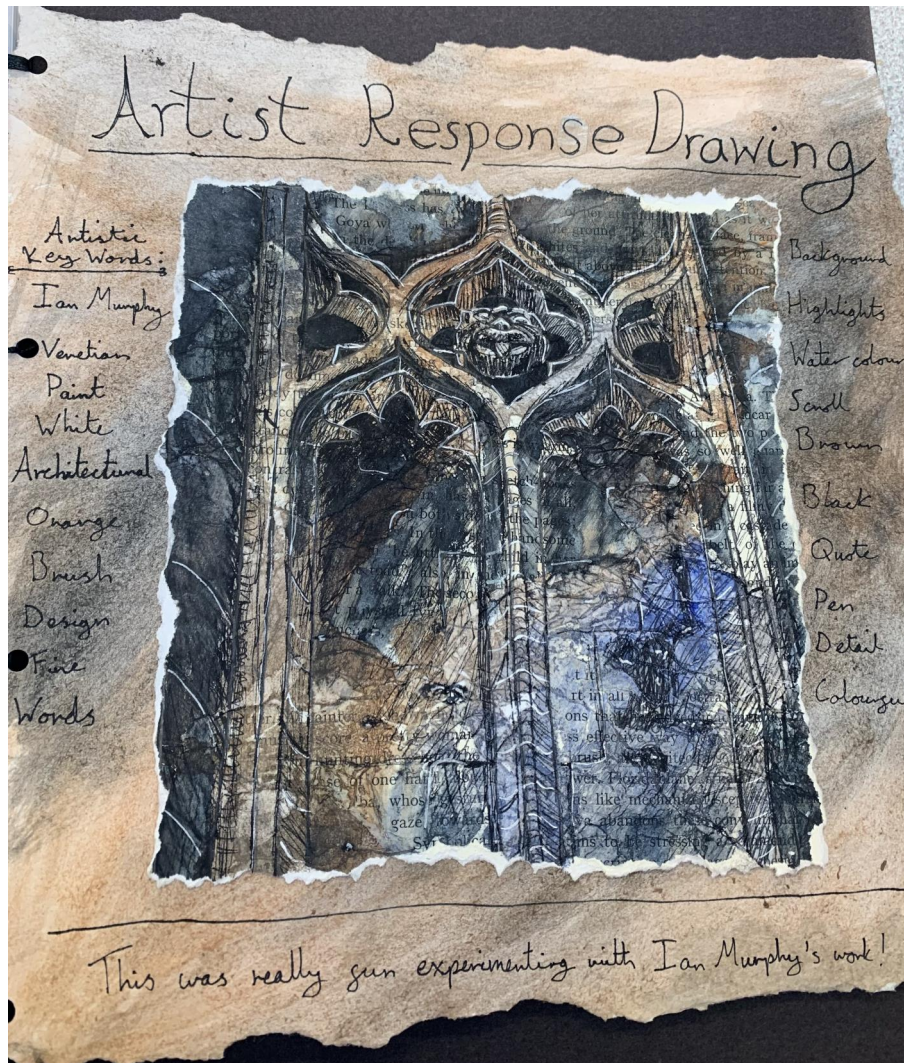


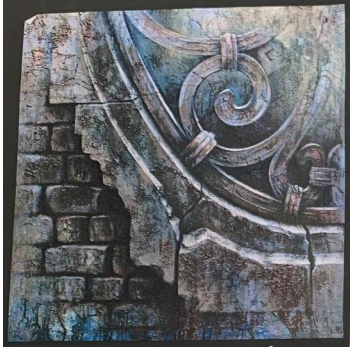












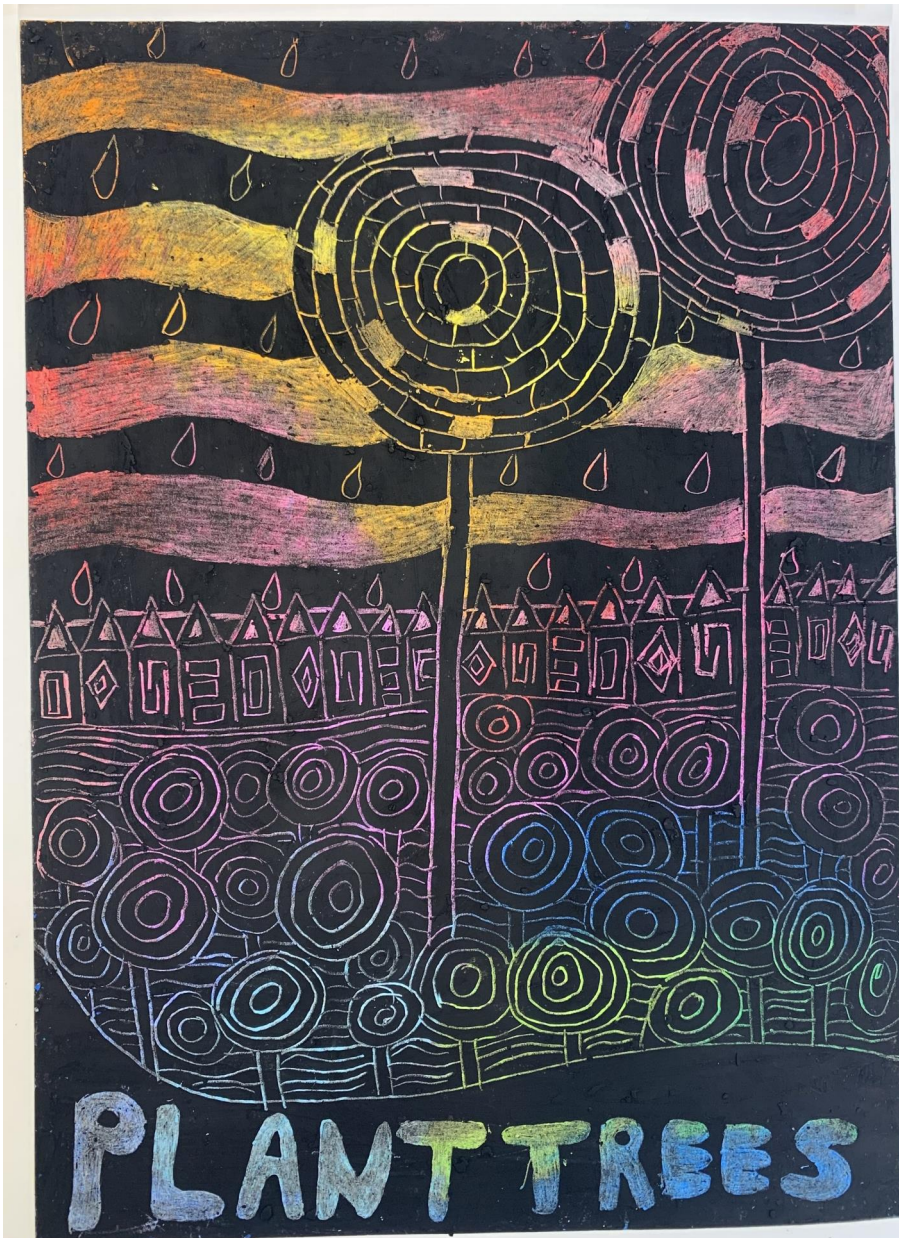
My watercolour wash.

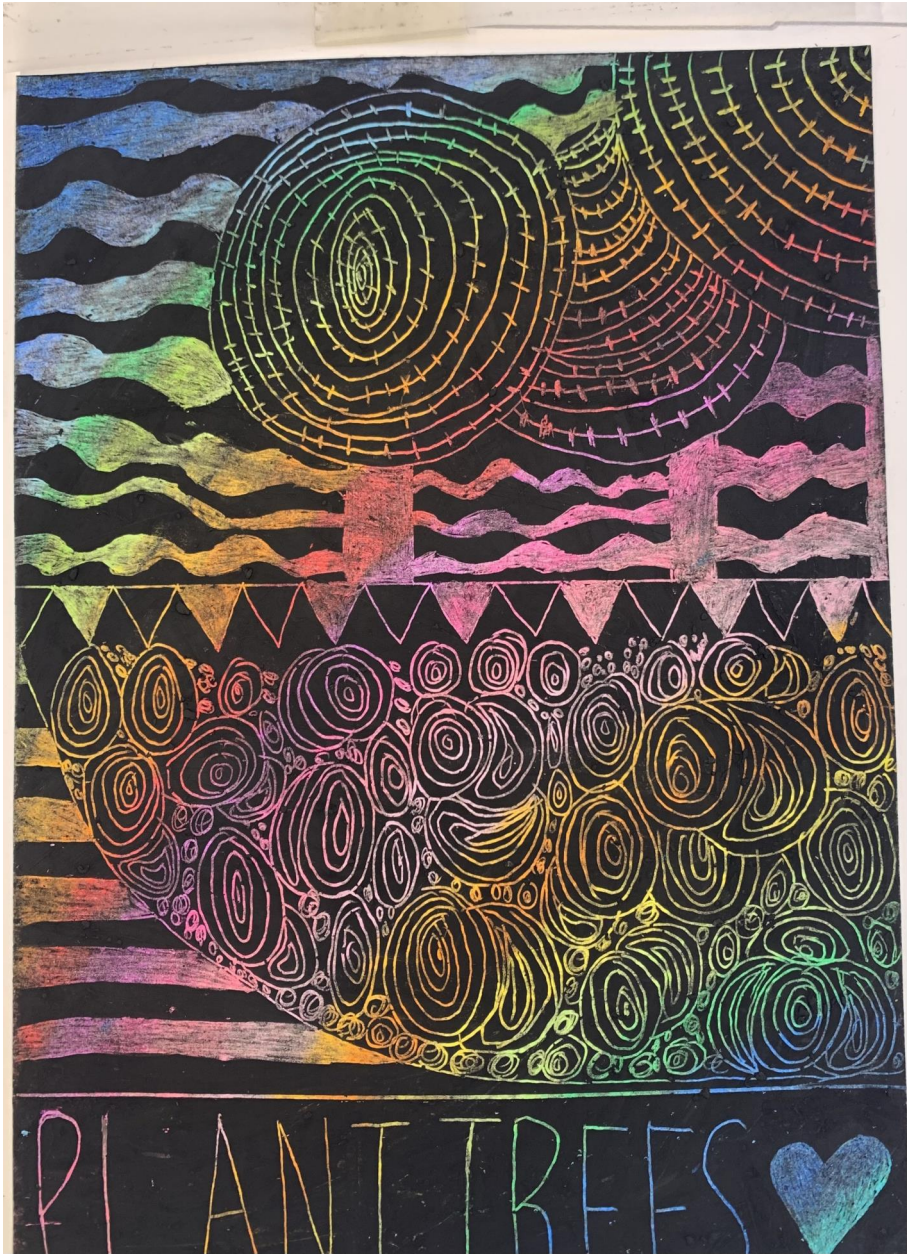


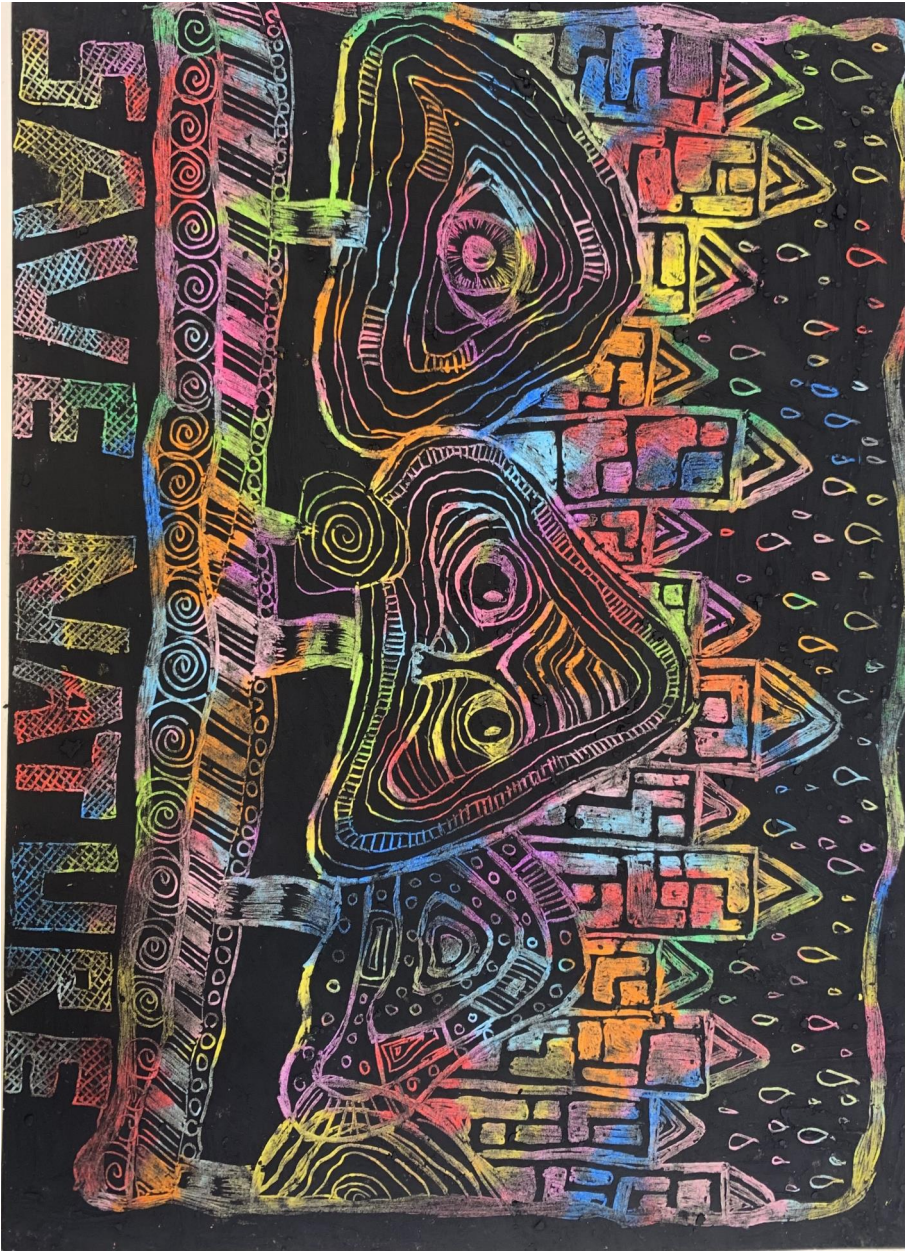
I used a watercolour wash on a photocopy of my original venetian scroll drawing by thinly diluting the paint. This gives the picture more life and represents it in a completely different way. It allows you to interpret it in other ways and see it through your own point of view. In terms of the original, I used different shading pencils to create different tones and show the highlights and shadows of the piece.







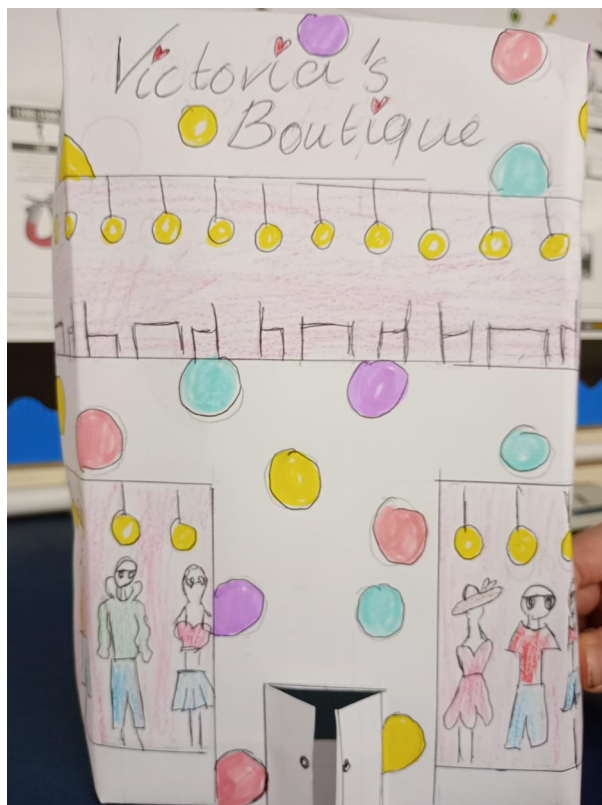








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## Easter Holiday Revision

We have lots of opportunities for Year 11, 12 and 13 students to come in over the Easter holidays to further their progress.

Year 11 and 13 are on their final countdown and have very few short weeks to go so this is a brilliant opportunity for students to get in some study bespoke to their needs. Teachers are using the data from their most recent round of mocks to make sure that the right topics and skills are covered.

Year 11 - remember, each session attended is worth 5 points! #pointsmeanprizes

## The Garden Update





22 - As you can see everyone is enjoying the sessions.



We talk a lot about anxiety, how to support each other...general worries while getting things going for the garden

SEN are doing some amazing bird boxes...

Counsellors are doing pebbles...

We have started bunting.... all handmade and designed.

Those in the success unit have got involved too.

They are **so excited** to think this will become their garden.

I've been speaking to parents who also would like to be part of it. If you would like to take part and paint your own stone to go into our garden, please get in touch with Mrs Mallett. [sam.mallett@wrennschool.org.uk](mailto:sam.mallett@wrennschool.org.uk)

We will be involving some Primary schools after Easter and will keep you updated in our next newsletter.

## Easter Sessions 2024

Sessions - LR	Tues 2nd April	Wed 3rd April	Thurs 4th April	Fri 5th April
Session 1 - 9.00am - 10.45am	LIBRARY SELF STUDY (ZY) LRC Y11 Business (NJK) CP2 Y11 English (CGB) Room 1 Y11 Geography (BJE) Room 2 Y11 Graphics/Art (JG) Room 3 Y11 PE BTEC (JJA) Room 9 Y13 Applied Sci (PCN) Room 10 Y11 Science TRIPLE (LW) Room 4 Y13 RE (SJB) Room 17 Y11 Maths HIGHER (DPK) Room 5 Y13 Further Maths (DPK) Room 6	Y11 History (JSR) Room 1 LIBRARY SELF STUDY (JJA) LRC Y11 Business (NJK) CP2 Y11 Sociology (HMP) Room 2	Y11 Food Prep & Nutrition & Food & Cookery (KHN) CP4 Y11 PETXI Maths (INVITE ONLY) Room 3 Y11 Geography (ABR) Room 10 LIBRARY SELF STUDY (DHY) LRC Y11 Maths HIGHER (NGN) Room 2 Y11 Maths FOUNDATION (SJS/BDO) Room 1 Y11 PE BTEC (JJA) Room 9 Y13 Drama (STA) Drama studio Y12 Maths (DPK) Room 4	Y11 PETXI Maths (INVITE ONLY) Room 3 LIBRARY SELF STUDY (JCN) LRC Y11 Classic Civ (SJB) Room 2 Y13 Maths (DPK) Room 4
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Lead	JG	JSR	ABR	JCN
Site	Karl/Martin	Karl	Karl	Karl

## Careers News

This term has had a number of different events happening during it. We have had trips to the National Apprenticeship Show, guest speakers coming in to speak to students in different year groups and many more exciting things.

## Young Aspirer's Workshop

Wrenn invited several successful speakers from the KIER group, Weetabix, Marketing and Healthcare workers that have gone through the experience of their own apprenticeships.

From Marketing, to Healthcare, the students were shared the wealth of experience from these individuals. The brilliant thing about this event was, that it was done in a conference panel style.

It was impressive watching students asking their own questions and taking their future into their own hands. Subjects were covered about:

- Money - what to expect, and what not to ask when applying for apprenticeships, not all careers are made to have the same money, lifestyle and job satisfaction.
- How long will it take to get to where you want to be? (estimated... of course)
- Travel - Some apprenticeships take you to all kinds of locations all over the world
- Typical hours in a working week
- Soft/hard skills in the work force - ***"The benefit of an apprenticeship can help you develop soft skills like learning the systems, and how to communicate with others on a professional level. This can be an advantage when applying or jobs"***
- Hands on leaning - If the classroom isn't for everyone, maybe a different style of learning is up your street
- Policing - Policing apprenticeships can't be applied for until you are over 18
- Do you know what careers you are after? - Law, Medical and other types of careers- may be harder to get apprenticeships, as they typically need a degree. It's not impossible and always best to do your research on the careers you would like to do.
- Is a job at the end guaranteed? ***"Companies invest a lot of time and money into your training and education, often because there are not enough skilled workers in the country, the chances of being kept on are their purpose, but never guaranteed. It's worth checking the Clawback Clause of the agreement too"***
- What is it like being an independent learner on an apprenticeship - ***"I Loved meeting new people and travelling to new places" "The teambuilding events in the work place, like annual rounders tournaments were fun"***
- Is an apprenticeship suitable for all students? ***"It's worth considering what careers you want, if it needs a degree (or higher), then probably not. However, there are apprenticeships that get you to a degree level. If you're looking for more hands on learning, and your career choice doesn't require a degree, it could be a way of saving yourself a huge student loan/debt, and still doing what you love. Its always best to do your own research, know your learning style and plan ahead the best you can"***.

The students were asking brilliant questions and have been well informed on what they need to consider when making their choices in school as well as later on in life.

There are ways to be kept in the loop, the closer they get to picking a career path, and some of the information below, may be helpful to help keep an eye on how the workplaces are changing. What apprenticeships are in demand?

How to find out more information about apprenticeships?:

- Speak to your Careers Leader/Advisor - Joanne Bolton
- Research online: Government apprenticeship website: [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)
- Research online: Ask Apprenticeships - Become an apprentice (apprenticeships.gov.uk)
- UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>
- Tresham College <https://bedfordcollegelgroup.ac.uk/apprenticeships-we-offer/>
- Starting Off - Finding and training future stars <https://startingoff.co.uk/>
- Goodwill Solutions <https://goodwillsolutions.co.uk/academy/>





## Events over the Half Term

### Barclays Life Skills

Our Year 10 students had the second of their four Barclays Life Skills Workshops this term. This workshop focused on what a CV is, when it is used and what to include in them. Many of our students had a go at drafting their own CV that they can use in the future, the majority of these were of fantastic quality.

### Guest Speakers

We have had the delightful Len and Morgan from LD Fabrications come in and speak to our Year 7 and Year 9 students about the option of Apprenticeships in the future. Students got to hear what Apprenticeships are about alongside being able to ask any questions they had at the end.

### College Assemblies for Year 10

We have had both Tresham and Moulton college in to speak to our Year 10 students about considering college as an option for their Post GCSE plan. We have got Northampton College scheduled to come in within the next term so that our students hear from all of the 3 local colleges.

## Year 12 Trip to the National Apprenticeship Show

We took all of our Year 12 students to the National Apprenticeship show in Milton Keynes to allow them the opportunity to explore the potential of an Apprenticeship as a post A Level option.

The students had the opportunity to explore some of the careers opportunities at the following organisations:

Mercedes Benz, TUI, Army, Barclays, BBC, Automate, Howdens, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Childbase Partnership, Lantra, Liebherr, Martin-Baker, MBDA, Royal Navy.

The students could explore these businesses and ask any questions they may have. It was wonderful to see an ex student of Wrenn promoting the company he is undertaking an apprenticeship with.



23 - Lewis Holmes - Ex Wrenn Student i

## Feedback

To enable us to ensure that we are providing what our young people need we ask you to share with us any feedback you may have regarding the Careers Programme.

To do this please use the link below:

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

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bolton our Careers Lead using the following email address:

[joanne.bolton@wrennschool.org.uk](mailto:joanne.bolton@wrennschool.org.uk)

## Sports



24 - indoor athletic finals

On 29th Feb, we took 27 year 7/8 pupils to the county school games **Indoor Athletic Finals**, after all four teams qualified through the district event in December.

The year 7 boys and girls both came 10th in their competition. Our year 8 girls came 9th and **year 8 boys won!** Making them **County Champions**. We're sure this isn't just a once in a leap year event and they will all go on to do even better next time.



## Under 13 Girls' Football



The U13 Girls football team remain undefeated in the District League after another successful performance tonight. After four games the team have secured three wins and one draw. Well done to the goal scorers today; Sophie J and Sophia D.

## Year 8 Netball Win!

Congratulations to our team who won both their Netball games against Sir Christopher Hatton and Weavers schools in the games on Tuesday 26th March. We celebrate all the wins we can, so those involved will be getting a special mention in their Assembly.

## Charity events



### ***Donate and Take***

Another thankyou to you all for your donations!

The afternoon was really brilliant! The students were amazing! They really stepped up and were, as usual, fabulous!

We had a handful of parents come along, and we are sure to have more next time! But the students were the ones who were having a good root through everything and even found some goodies for Mothers Day. We had students arriving to see if there was anything for their younger siblings and also for their Nan's, the crockery went down a storm!!

It has given us good ideas for the next one, how we can improve and engage more parents.

Some good conversations with parents and we are building community connections to really get this on the map. If you have any suggestions, please get in contact with Ms Austin or email: [enquiries@wrennschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wrennschool.org.uk)





## Hemmingwell Community Clean Up



The poster is for a 'Community Clean Up Day' event. At the top, it features logos for North Northamptonshire Council, Hemmingwell Community & Skills Centre, Wellingborough Neighbourhood Policing Team, and Wellingborough Town Council. A QR code is located in the top right corner. The main title 'COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY' is in large white letters on a blue background. Below the title, the date and time '5TH OF APRIL | 9 am - 5 pm' are written in red, followed by the location 'STARTS AT HEMMINGWELL COMMUNITY AND SKILLS CENTRE' in red. The poster includes two columns of text: 'Aiming to clear the streets, walkways and greenspaces of rubbish. Come and get involved' and a list of benefits: 'Lunch provided for everyone helping' and 'Children helping will receive an easter egg'. The bottom of the poster features an illustration of a park with trees, a bench, and a street lamp, and logos for Hemmingwell Community & Skills Centre CIO, VEOLIA, orbit building communities, and Greatwell Homes.

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VEOLIA

orbit building communities

Greatwell Homes

The Wellingborough Neighbourhood policing team would like to announce the Hemmingwell Community Clean-Up, which will focus on improving the streets and green spaces within the estate, creating a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment for all who live and visit the area. Everyone is encouraged to participate, as together, we can make a significant impact.

Participants are invited to convene at the **Hemmingwell Community and Skills Centre at 9:00 AM - 5:00PM**, where they will receive instructions and supplies for the clean-up efforts. All necessary equipment will be provided. Throughout the day, volunteers will work

collaboratively to pick up litter, clear debris, and beautify public spaces. Volunteers can turn up at any time and get involved. Volunteers will be part of groups on the day with a team leader however we ask that younger children please have an appropriate adult with them.

In appreciation of their dedication to enhancing our community, all volunteers will be supplied with lunch. Additionally, to celebrate the Easter season, children who participate will receive an Easter egg as a token of gratitude for their efforts.

We believe that by coming together as a community, we can create a cleaner and more vibrant environment for everyone to enjoy. Similar events have led to a reduction in ASB in communities and an increase in pride for the residents. I'm hoping with partnership working this will act as a springboard for other community projects on The Hemmingwell

The Hemmingwell Community Clean-Up is made possible through the generous support of multiple organisations, including Wellingborough Town Council, North Northamptonshire Council, Greatwell Homes, HMP Five Wells, Hemmingwell Community and Skills Centre, Veolia, Orbit and the team from the Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Policing Team. Their commitment to the community underscores the importance of collaboration in achieving our shared goals.

Please join us on **April 5th, 2024**, as we roll up our sleeves and work together to transform Hemmingwell Estate. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

## Masquerade Ball

One of our Sixth Form students is organising a Ball in aid of [Just Giving - Together For Short Lives](#).

Our very own "Miss Teen Northamptonshire" Louisa Gregory has set herself the task of hosting events and taking on challenges for this very important cause.

***"My Masquerade Ball is coming up!***

***Don't forget to book your tickets by emailing: [louisafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:louisafundraising@gmail.com)***

***You won't want to miss out! We have live entertainment, a two-course meal with roast dinner, a disco complete with a DJ, a portrait photographer and even an exciting raffle - all for just £26pp."***



£26pp

# Masquerade Ball

*Join us for an evening of fun, with a roast dinner (vegan options available) and dessert, followed by a raffle and a magical night of dancing with music from A\* Entertainments*

Tickets: £26pp  
 Portraits: £5  
 Raffle tickets available on the night

- Roast Dinner with Chicken or Vegan option
- Profiteroles or Melon dessert

**contact [louisafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:louisafundraising@gmail.com) to purchase tickets, or for more information!**

<p>Saturday April 13th 19:00 - 1:00</p>	<p>in aid of <b>together</b> for <b>short</b> <b>lives</b></p> 	<p>SILK Wellingborough 27A Midland Road Wellingborough NN8 1HF</p>
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Dates for the Diary





27th Mar - Year 8 Parents Evening

**28th Mar - School closes at 1:30, Canteen remains open until 2pm**

29th Mar - Bank Holiday

5th Apr - Hemmingwell Community Clean Up

**15th April - School re-opens to students**

15th - 18th Apr - Isle of Wight (year 9 trip)

17th - 18th Sixth Form Prospects

23rd Apr - Year 8 Knowledge Connected

25th Apr - Year 10 Parents Evening

25th Apr - 6th Form Prospects

29th Apr - CET Creative Writing Final (year 8)

**6th May - May Day Bank holiday**

9th May - Year 7 Parents Evening

**24th May - School closed at the end of the school day**

27th May - Late Bank Holiday

**3rd June - Back to School**

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