

In the month of November 2023

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Within the month of November our students took part in the following activities:

As a way of recognising the start of anti bullying week students and staff were invited to wear odd socks.

The Year 11 Consultation Evening on 23rd November was a really positive event where Year 11 students were presented with the Silver Mock results, sparking constructive and informative conversations between students, teachers and parents. The atmosphere was buzzing with purpose and motivation with a large large majority of families attending the evening.

23rd November, Year 11 were visited by Elevate, a company focused on developing revision and exam strategies in preparation for the golden Mocks. The Year 11's were highly focused and engaged and many said they would recommend the sessions to others. We are continuing the program, delivering activities in period 6 on Fridays.

We hosted our Year 7 settling in event at the end of November. This was a chance for students and their families to meet with their Form Tutor to discuss their progress and how they have adapted to secondary school. We also were joined by MHIST who supported the event and spoke to families about mental health. It was also a lovely opportunity to share highlights of the Autumn term including extra curricular, trips and visits.

Science club students investigated gas pressure by doing the 'collapsing cans' experiment

Students in Science Flight club researched and created paper aeroplanes with the aim of making it fly the furthest. The students got into teams, and then competed to see which team won.



This month we welcomed Year 11 students from Bexley schools to our 6th Form Open Evening event. It was a fantastic evening where our Year 12 and Year 13 students showcased some of the amazing courses we have on offer. For those interested in applying for Welling School Sixth Form, please complete the form on the link: <https://www.wellingschool-tkat.org/sixth-form/application-process/>

November was a big month for attendance, with all staff taking part in an attendance workshop after school last week, where we shared the next steps in our attendance strategy. In the final week of November, students had an extended tutor time with a focus on attendance. With their tutors, students explored the reasons that attendance is important; the clear link between attendance and attainment; and carried out a review of their own attendance certificates.

Next month we look forward to our four attendance rewards trips for Years 7-10, where those with excellent attendance in term one will spend an afternoon at the bowling alley. Later this academic Year, years 11, 12 and 13 will have their attendance reward trip to Thorpe Park.

Congratulations to students in 8 Maple, our top attending tutor group in November with 97%.

The SEND Team welcomed parents to the second SEN Parents Coffee Morning. We would like to thank all the parents who attended and we look forward to meeting you again in the New Year!

We were thrilled to welcome @lydiagreenway to our school today. Students in both KS3 and KS4 were given a masterclass in various batting and catching techniques today by the former cricket World Cup and Ashes Winner.



We Visited:

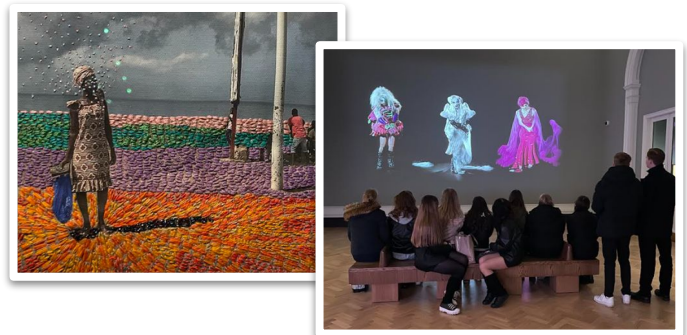
Anti bullying ambassadors visited Fosters, Hillsgrove and Hook Lane Primary to deliver assemblies about what bullying is, their role as ambassadors, the importance of being kind as well as reporting bullying behaviour.



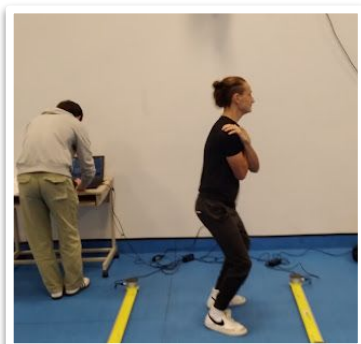
Year 10 and 11 Drama students went to see an electrifying performance of Wicked the Musical. As well as delighting in the anthemic 'Defying gravity' signature song of the show, the students had the privilege of leading a Q and A session with the cast after the show, which gave them some invaluable insights into the challenges and joys of being in the cast of a West End production

Once a week, small groups of students walk down to Tesco Express, to give them a meaningful experience around purchasing ingredients for small group cooking sessions.

The Year 12 and 13 photography and Fine Art pupils had a very successful trip to the V and A with Miss Hobden and Mrs Reed to research first hand examples of Photography and Fine Art to develop their coursework themes.



On 9/11/23 the Year 13 Sport Science students attended a sports taster day at the University of Greenwich. This gave them an insight to university life and an opportunity to use the sports facilities for the day.



We visited Kingswood Activity centre on a 3 day school residential trip. We took 44 pupils and the students (and staff!) had a brilliant time and our Year 7s really challenged themselves and were an absolute pleasure to take. Well done all!



On 21/11/23 the Sixth Form sports students went on a trip to Wembley Stadium for a stadium tour to help assist them with their coursework.

As part of our school outreach programme, in PE We have been concentrating on Football and Dance this month in the primary schools. The students have been super excited about their dances this month and keen to perform to the rest of their class. Started with rock and roll earlier this month where they brought out their best Elvis moves and created a fantastic dance. Followed by the puppet and the puppet master dance, which saw some amazing performances and creativity from the students.



Subject Highlights:

This month Maths have had a big focus on homework for the upcoming KS3 assessments. Well done to the following students who have completed their HWK on time every single week: Kaylan M, Ayaan A, Oscar C, Ryan L, Jayden M, Harjeevan D, Mia G, Riley P and Micah E.

KS3 food have been practising basic knife skills, learning about health and safety in the kitchen and exploring different cooking methods

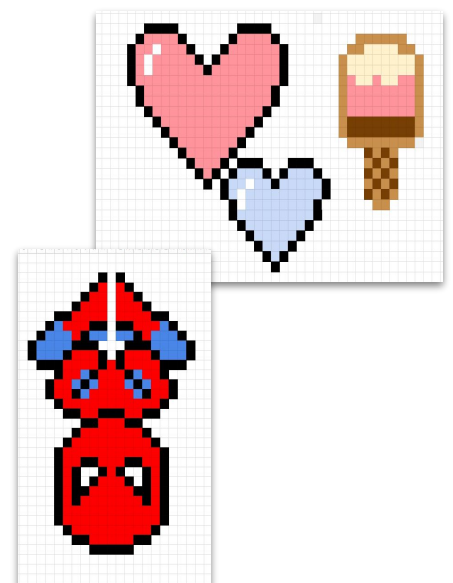
KS3 DT have been busy putting their practical skills to good use with exciting projects such as clocks, wall hangers and money boxes

Year 10 and Year 12 Media have been making their first media film openings and trailers - The Horror at Welling School.

This month we welcome new students from Romania, Albania, Iran & Nigeria. You can read our website in a language other than English by clicking the last button on the top right of the screen (to the right of the search button). We offer extra lessons for some EAL students who need additional help with improving their English.

History has seen all Key Stage 3 classes busy preparing for their TKAT assessment which are upcoming. Some brilliant analysis on 1066 from Year 7, on the trans-Atlantic slave trade from Year 8 and on the Battle of Britain from Year 9. Year 10 have continued with their studies on Medicine and Year 11 are beginning to feel excited about the February residential to Berlin. Huge respect to the Year 11 students who attended Saturday school. It will all be worth it!

In a unique blend of artistic expression and computer science, students have been exploring a fascinating new way to create pixel art images—using none other than Google Sheets. What may seem like an unconventional combination has sparked excitement and innovation within the computer science department. When the idea was introduced to create pixel art using Google Sheets, the students were initially intrigued but unsure of what to expect. However, as they delved into this unconventional approach to art, they quickly realised just how much fun it could be. The joy and enthusiasm that filled the computer science classroom were palpable, as students eagerly transformed plain spreadsheets into vibrant and captivating pixel art creations.



Excellent work across Key Stage 3 Geography as they prepare for TKAT assessments. Many reward points have been issued on account of the hard work and ethos in the classrooms

Students shared the languages that they spoke or knew which included Italian, Turkish, Bengali and Romanian amongst others. Students were encouraged to share their language knowledge with their classmates to earn reward points and were reminded of how respect of other students' languages shows kindness and tolerance, qualities that are priorities at Welling School.



Year 11 were treated to a live performance of 'An Inspector Calls' from The Globe Players, to help illustrate how the play they study for their English literature GCSE would have looked on the stage in the 1940s. Alongside the recital of the full play, they were given descriptors as to key scenes, symbols and structural points which they can use in their responses towards the exams.



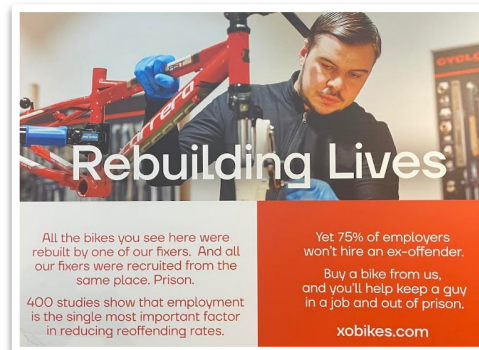
Staff had a friendly football encounter against Year 12 and Year 13 students, the Sixth Form students came away from the match with the win and it was great to see the positive attitude in which the match was played in as well as the large number of staff and students cheering on from the sidelines.

P.E FIXTURES OF THE MONTH

08.11.23	Year 11	Welling School	vs	Stone Lodge	6-0 Win
16.11.23	Year 9	Ravens Wood	vs	Welling School	9-0 Loss
22.11.23	Year 7	Welling School	vs	Howard School	12-2 Loss
	Year 11	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	vs	Welling School	4-1 Win
27.11.23	Year 9	Haberdashers School	vs	Welling School	5-1 Win
29.11.23	Netball	St Catherines	vs	Welling School	7-3 Loss
30.11.23	Year 7 & 8	Girls Football Competition hosted by Charlton Athletic at Sparrows Lane in Eltham			
30.11.23	Year 9	Bexley Grammar School	vs	Welling School	6-1 loss



Mr Knight and Mr Eyres visited XO bikes to collect a range of bikes that they have been donated to Welling School to be used as part of our bike project. XO bikes is a great charity that employs Ex Offenders to fix up and service donated bicycles and then sells them in their shop. The ones donated to Welling were not financially viable to fix but will provide a fantastic learning resource for our students. Once Welling students have fixed and repaired these bikes they will be donated to the bike project. The Bike project donate these bikes to the most in need across London such as refugees and the unemployed. This enables them to access employment opportunities further afield with their new mode of transport.



The Library is currently being re-organised/re-categorized with orders of new displays/labelling systems and of course book titles on their way to us very soon! All three after school clubs have continued to run well. You may also notice some layout changes to the library furniture, this is to suit break and lesson times better, as it is more structured. Both Year 11 Health and Social Care and Child Development have begun their practice NEA's ready to sit the real thing in January which will make up 50% of their final grades! They're all working really hard and making the most of their preparation time. 6th form have been looking at the different childhood theorists, such as Vygotsky and Piaget and having some interesting classroom debates!

In Public Services, Crisis management- multi agency responses is the focus for our group. We have been observing and analysing multi agency responses to incidents and discussing the roles with the teams and the need for clarity of communication.

In Construction we have been looking further into renewable energies and the costs associated with these; in support of this module of study we have been learning how to wire a one-way lighting circuit using trade specific tools such as: insulated drivers and diagonal cutters.

ACE - A CHAMPION FOR EVERY CHILD:

ACE tutors work with students across the year groups, as part of the Inclusion team, working alongside the different departments ensuring our students have the best chances to maximise their potential.

Working closely with the student and their family we try to identify any barriers to their learning and remove them - this year we have supported in areas such as uniforms & equipment, travel to school, home routines & sleeping, referrals for medical concerns, ensuring families receive their correct entitlements and form filling, alongside the emotional wellbeing of the student & their family.

We are currently working with over 70 students this term, up from 45 last term. This will increase again after Christmas. We are focussing on attendance at the moment, and would like to thank all the parents & carers we talk to in supporting us to support the students in coming to school. We have seen an increase in attendance in our students we work with, and they should be exceptionally proud of themselves as many attend above the school average!

"My ACE Tutor has helped me to build my confidence, to keep coming in and attend my lessons. Last year I felt down as I felt I was always behind everyone else. I didn't care about my attendance. Now I realise my attendance helps me get the learning I need and I'm not behind, I'm on track."

Year 9 Student



This student's attendance is up over 10% on last year already. They no longer feel left behind & left out, so self-esteem has improved, friendships have improved and they are naturally happier and in a better place to learn.

Since 2020/21 & the pandemic, the mental health of a lot of children and young adults has deteriorated across the United Kingdom. Many of these students do not have access to someone to talk to outside of a national helpline or their Dr's surgery.

At Welling School, all students have access to us. At Welling School, we want to improve emotional well being and support good mental health. By supporting these areas, our students will be happier and able to learn better. This is how we are able to give them choices, raise attainment and prepare them for the world after Welling School, putting them in the best position possible to do well for themselves throughout their lives.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS THIS TERM:

The Christmas Card competition was won by amazing mixed media designs produced by Elsie S and Brogan J which will be printed soon for school - ***Congratulations to you both!***

Interforms:

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who competed in our first Interform competition.

Year 9

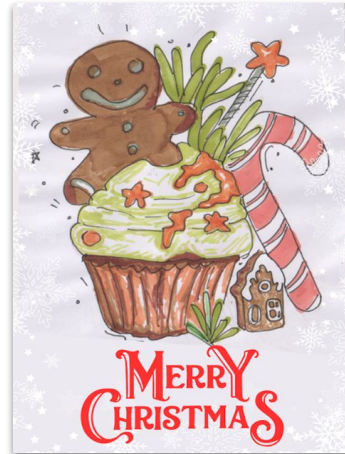
1st Beech | 2nd Elm | 3rd Cedar

Year 8

1st Maple | 2nd Elm | 3rd Alder and Fir

Year 7

1st Cedar | 2nd Alder | 3rd Elm



Pahan Joined Welling School from Sri Lanka 9 months ago and has been attending the after school flight club every Tuesday. Pahan worked very thoughtfully on a Business branding project where he explored how he would brand a new airline- on the basis that long flights can sometimes be boring for children and teenagers. Pahan came up with the idea of having an airline targeted at children and teenagers - and named his airline 'Superheros Airline' with the strapline - 'an Airline for young Superheros'.

Pahan:

- ***Carried out Market Research***
- ***Explored the importance of colour and branding in logo designing***
- ***Described ethical and environmental issues associated with Airlines.***

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

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NAME	REASON
Lenny A	<i>Consistently excellent work ethic in Maths</i>
Evie O	<i>Determination outstanding effort and engagement in lessons</i>
Luca M	<i>For being kind and helpful when another student had a medical emergency at Kingswood</i>
Khandan P	<i>Excellent achievement in Computer Science throughout the year and supporting other students</i>
Ryan P	<i>Assisting another Yr 10 student in a first aid incident before half term</i>
Isoua D	<i>Inspiration creative - sharing singing videos recorded in his community</i>
Layla C	<i>Supporting other student to make good choices</i>
Louisa S	<i>Exceptional streak on Duolingo - Learning Spanish independently</i>
Emily H	<i>Being polite and helpful to another student in lesson</i>
Ted C	<i>Supporting a student who is struggling</i>
Basharat N	<i>Fantastic descriptive writing</i>
Phoebe E	<i>Positive attitude to coming to school again and increased attendance</i>
Charles M	<i>Excellent progress in Media coursework and helping to prep for Open Evening</i>
Frankie S	<i>For being very kind and helpful when another student had a medical emergency at Kingswood</i>
Ruby R	<i>Excellent improvement in behaviour attitude and engagement</i>
Rachel O	<i>Answered challenging question correctly</i>
Ruben D	<i>Fantastic resilience and progress in Maths percentages</i>
James R	<i>Showing a Year 7 student to lesson when he was lost</i>
Caius T	<i>Consistently trying his best and working hard</i>
Galya L	<i>Consistently excellent attitude to learning</i>
Tommy D	<i>Helpful and positive in lessons</i>
Jack H	<i>Outstanding anti-bullying assemblies for Welling and 3 primary schools</i>
Mia P	<i>Outstanding anti-bullying assemblies for Welling and 3 primary schools</i>
Olivia J	<i>Outstanding anti-bullying assemblies for Welling and 3 primary schools</i>

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Olly M	<i>Outstanding anti-bullying assemblies for Welling and 3 primary schools</i>
Pahon K	<i>Outstanding anti-bullying assemblies for Welling and 3 primary schools</i>
Ryan L	<i>Outstanding anti-bullying assemblies for Welling and 3 primary schools</i>
Yarran M	<i>Outstanding anti-bullying assemblies for Welling and 3 primary schools</i>
Teddy L	<i>Great knowledge of Animal Farm and reading aloud</i>
Vanessa G	<i>Outstanding generosity - buying poppies for 2 class mates</i>
Lily-Mae M	<i>Represented the school perfectly in student interview panel</i>
Kevin G	<i>Most improved attitude for learning</i>
Hayden F	<i>Superb effort and engagement in Aspire</i>
Harry A	<i>Increased attendance and attending school all week</i>
Ethan P	<i>Always being willing to help in class showing kindness</i>
Savannah R	<i>Excellent behaviour and attitude to Aspire lessons especially Maths. Always actively learning and contributing.</i>
Lexia M	<i>Made an amazing start on first day at Welling</i>
Amelia C	<i>Assisting at Year 11 Parents Evening</i>
Bethany W	<i>Helping in the Library</i>
Daniel T	<i>Nominated for Kindness</i>
Dylan P	<i>Extreme act of kindness supporting a very vulnerable student back into school</i>
Sophie H	<i>Being an Ambassador at Parents Evening</i>
Harry P	<i>Demonstrating Welling values of being Ambitious, Kind and Active in is GCSE Business Studies lesson</i>
Brogan J	<i>Winning the Christmas Card Competition</i>
Elsie S	<i>Winning the Christmas Card Competition</i>
Kiaan K	<i>For being a superstar and looking after our new student</i>
Jay E	<i>Being an Ambassador at Year 7 Settling in Evening</i>
Jacqueline A	<i>Being an Ambassador at Year 7 Settling in Evening</i>
Sophie W	<i>Excellent work ethic - keen reader</i>

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:

- Autumn Term 2 School Council meeting
- Christmas Jumper Day 7 December
- Year 10 Christmas Winter Wonderland Trip 8 December
- Year 11 Christmas Winter Wonderland Trip 13 December
- Careers & Futures Evening 14 December
- Christmas Lunches 13 and 14 December
- Celebration of Achievement assemblies week commencing 11/12/23
- Wednesday 20th December - last day of Autumn Term 2
- Wednesday 3 January - INSET Day - School Closed to Students
- Thursday 4 January - Whole School returns for Spring Term 1

PSCHE TOPICS COVERED:

- This term students across all year groups have been learning about citizenship and politics - including the importance of using their voice and participating in democracy.
- KS3 has learned about human rights, elections, and the importance of charities.
- KS4 has covered different electoral systems, the difference between democracy and dictatorships, and the right to free speech and a free press.
- Finally, KS5 has been looking at a range of local and national issues - from lowering the voting age to the rollout of the ULEZ charge in Bexley. This will come together at the end of the term with all Sixth Formers getting involved in democracy firsthand by writing an email to their local MP on an issue of their

ASSEMBLY TOPICS COVERED WERE:

- **Remembrance** - Mr Clarke led a poignant tribute to those who have given their lives in service of their country as Welling School marked Remembrance Day with a series of assemblies.
- **Respect** - Ms Gooch led assemblies on respect and the importance of treating each other with kindness and dignity.
- **Anti bullying assemblies:** in November it was anti bullying week. Our Anti Bullying ambassadors delivered assemblies to all year groups, explaining what bullying is, how it can be reported and how it is dealt with. Students also clarified what 'banter' is and how we should be kind to each other.
- **World AIDS day** - Ms Vosper's assemblies marked World AIDS Day in the final week of November with a series of information-sharing assemblies on the facts around HIV and AIDS.

CAREERS:

Year 13 students also had a finance workshop with WizeUp who are part of the Jack Petchey Foundation. This was their final workshop and it focused on the ideas of renting or flat sharing and how to budget for this. Some great skills they will need when they head off to University next year!!

THE MONEY CHARITY WORKSHOP - YEAR 11: We have invited The Money Charity to help our Year 11 students make personal finances not just an important topic, but also a fun one! They cover the essentials of staying on top of your money, including using money to achieve your goals, savings, tax, how to read a payslip, understanding credit, as well as financial products like banking and student finance.



FUTURE FRONTIERS INTERVIEWS - YEAR 11: Selected students participated in phase two of the Future Frontiers programme by receiving one-to-one support from a trained advisor who is an expert in the local post-16 landscape. Together, they produce a personalised action plan and share their plans with their support network including parents and carers.

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND GOLDSMITH UNIVERSITY TRIP: We decided to take students to one of two universities including Goldsmith University and a Russell Group University, London School of Economics. The students got the opportunity to have a tour of the university campuses and ask questions about university life with the university ambassadors who were current university students. The students learnt about the benefits of attending university and it has certainly inspired them to complete.

