

In the Month of December 2023

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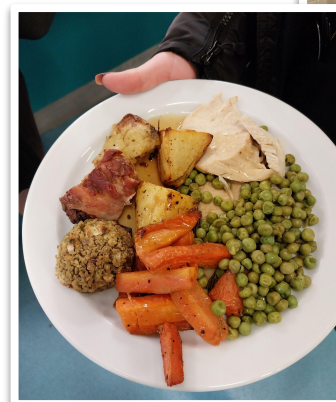
Within the month of December our students took part in the following activities:

Members of the Welling community donated gifts that were presented by Mrs Mahoney to the Childrens Ward at Darent Valley Hospital. They were gratefully received with lots of poorly children receiving a range of wonderful gifts.

Members of the school council decorated our new Christmas tree that was displayed in our main hall throughout December.

EAL = English as an Additional Language. This month, Welling School welcomes two new students from other countries. Welcome to a Y10 student relocating from Romania & welcome to a Y9 student relocating from Nigeria. We hope they will settle down well and be happy in their new school. To access our website more easily, parents can use the translate button, located on the far right of the Welling home page (to the right of the 'Search' button) and choose their preferred language.

Students in each year group enjoyed their Christmas dinner on 13th and 14th December. The school contributed to the cost of it for all families and those that signed up enjoyed an extended lunchtime celebrating with their peers. As well as christmas crackers and music there was also a raffle.



School Council - on the 6th December the school council met to discuss three main agenda items- these were Extra curricular clubs they would like, how teachers provide feedback in lessons, charity fundraising ideas including selecting a nominated charity for each year group. There was also an opportunity to discuss any other business. The students as always spoke very maturely about their experiences and what they would like. the minutes has now been feedback to all students via the student bulletin. With the information gained we have been able to add 7 new clubs to the spring offer and keep many that they were enjoying. The information regasign teaching feedback has been given to our Teaching and learning team to act on and all year groups now have a nominated charity with a range of ideas to raise funds.

Pride Group loved helping out the Cinderella cast by doing some set painting after school. This term we have also been watching The Half of It, and talking about how we can continue to improve LGBTQ+ inclusion at Welling.



Charity Christmas Market- To raise money for Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice the Sixth Form hosted a Christmas market selling sweets, baked goods and candy canes. We raised £150 for the hospice.



In the Elsa Centre, our Specialist Resource Provision, Christmas celebrations and crafts have been enjoyed by all!

From the SEND/Gateway team, we would like to say a big well done to the pupils who have made achievements throughout the Autumn Term in their interventions.



The Gateway celebrated a group of students who completed their 'Raising Self Esteem & Confidence' sessions.



The school celebrated Christmas jumper day and donated money to Save the Children. Some wore jumpers, some wore socks and some wore both! Another worthy charity supported by Welling staff and students. A huge thanks to all that took part and our Anti Bullying Ambassadors who collected the money in.



Over the past four weeks the Art Department has been visiting Hook Lane Primary School teaching the students about Portraiture. They achieved making portraits in reference to Pablo Picasso, Roy Lichtenstein, Collage and Clay. For two weeks we visited them and for two they got to experience lessons in Welling. On Tuesday 19th December we put all of their work together in our Berwick Gallery and exhibited for the school students and their families. With live music provided by our Music Department and their work covering the walls the evening was a great success.



A huge thank you to all parents, staff and students that donated to our Christmas Shoebox appeal. Our Anti Bullying Ambassadors were able to pack and wrap a range of shoeboxes that will now be donated to some of the most in need children across the world.



This month we welcomed Augusta from the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice where we exchanged a cheque for £1200 which was raised at the Colour Run. Augusta spoke to students about how the money raised would be used within the community.



Year 11 “meet the 6th form” - Year 11 students were invited to spend some time in the 6th form centre to meet with students and discuss their applications and ask questions about the life of a 6th form student. Year 11s were treated to a hot chocolate from the 6th form cafe and a tour of the common room.



We Visited:

Years 7 - 10 visited the Bowling Alley in Bexleyheath- Students were rewarded for excellent attendance this term with an afternoon’s bowling in Bexleyheath. We took a large number in each year group and their behaviour was exemplary - it was a real pleasure to spend the afternoon with them. We were extremely proud of all the students who were involved in the trips.

110 Year 11’s and 90 Year 10 students enjoyed a festive trip to Winter Wonderland on 13th December. Despite some drizzle, they had a magical time with many winning child size cuddly toys that they lovingly escorted all the way home! Another highlight was the chance meeting of David Walliams which Mr Ringshall managed to get a selfie with! All staff commented on how impeccably behaved the students had been and what a pleasure it was to accompany them.



Year 13 Spanish students have visited the British Film Institute for a **Volver** study day



Year 10 Fine Art and Photography pupils visited the Tate Modern on 7th December to draw from work in the galleries and visit the exhibition Capturing the Moment. Back in the classroom pupils have been combining works to create a fusion art work in painting, collage, drawing or mixed media and write about their experience to develop ideas and work.

The 6th Form visited the British Film Institute with the MFL Faculty

On Friday, 8th December, Year 12 and 13 English Language A level students attended an online webinar by The British Library. They learnt about language change, language variation, and regional vocabulary, pronunciation and grammar in the UK. This supported what they've been learning about in lessons and gave them an insight into the work of the British Library and ongoing research on language use in the UK.

On Tuesday 12th December, 34 year 11 students visited The Globe Theatre in London to attend an interactive workshop on a key GCSE Literature text: Macbeth. After having a tour of the theatre and being given historical information on William Shakespeare, his theatre and London in the 16th and 17th century, the students took to a rehearsal room where they explored two key scenes of Macbeth through movement, gestures and intonation. The students found this to be a worthwhile opportunity and are now able to understand a little more about Shakespeare's writing style, intentions and language choices.



Our Anti Bullying Ambassadors went food shopping in Morrisons to purchase essential items requested by our local food bank run by The Salvation Army. Students went around the store in small groups with their lists and whilst shopping kept a running tally of costs. Students behaved impeccably, one shopper commenting on their great maths skills. We then delivered our groceries to The Salvation Army who said our donation will help so many people. A very proud and humbling experience



Subject Highlights:

Maths- Congratulations to Year 7 and Year 8 students for completing their first Common Assessment Framework (CAF) tests for the year (and for year 7s - at secondary school). Students have really excelled completing hour-long assessments after finishing their revision schemes of learning. Good luck to year 9s and 10s in preparing for theirs after Christmas. Lastly, to all of our year 11, 12 and 13 students preparing for their real exams in the summer - keep up the brilliant hard work. Particularly those who go the extra mile and attend intervention sessions.

Key Stage 3 PE Lessons This Term- Year 7 boy's PE this half term have been learning the key skills of rugby and gymnastics. Year 7 girl's PE this half term have been learning the key skills of basketball and football. Year 8 boy's in PE this half term have been learning a more in depth knowledge of rugby and gymnastics. Year 8 girl's in PE this half term have been learning a more in depth knowledge of basketball and football. Year 9 boy's in PE this half term have been learning the benefits of fitness in sport and progressing their knowledge of rugby. Year 9 girl's in PE this half term have been progressing their knowledge of basketball and football.

Year 11 Boy's Football Fixture - Welling School vs Mepham School (3:4) Loss

Subject Highlights:

Year 12 Level 3 Business Studies students have been doing group presentations on the PESTLE (Political, Economical, Social, Technological, Legal, Environmental) factors. This is to prepare them for the Unit 4 presentations on Crook Log Leisure Centre that will take place next term. Students were assessed on their presentation skills including eye contact, body language and subject knowledge.

This month students have continued to work on Citizenship and Politics in PSCH, culminating in all of our 6th form students writing an email to their local MP about a political issue of their choosing.

In construction Students have been assessing the building qualities of a range of properties and assessing the suitability for given groups and we have been discussing priorities of clients and how to meet these needs.

In Public Services, our focus in December has been multi agency responses and the value and importance of communication.

Science- Well done to all year 7s for completing their first CAF assessments. Students in Science club took on a challenge to get a boiled egg to go into the conical flask without breaking it using their knowledge of air pressure

Students in year 8 successfully purified salt from a mixture of rock salt using techniques such as filtering and evaporation.



In Health and Social Care/Child Development students have continued to work really hard at preparing for their NEA. We have been using example work and mark schemes to prepare for different tasks. We have teamed up and completed end of topic quizzes and worked hard at creating revision resources to use over the Christmas break ready for PPE's and exams in January. Huge well done to all students, they have worked really hard this term!

Subject Highlights:

Business Y10 students, who are our first sets of students working towards an edexcel GCSE qualification, brought their entrepreneurial skills to play as they had a super Dragons Den style task to prepare, plan and deliver to 'the Dragons- their class peers'. Below is a part of the pitch that one of our many budding entrepreneurs, Luke presented to promote oats. Luke was impressive in identifying his Unique Selling Point, coming up with a suitable price and assessing his competitors alongside exploring variety within his product. Luke went on to highlight why customers should choose Pure Oats with the strapline of "Oatwell with Oats," promoting taster sessions and impressively all within a described budget. Watch this space! Move over PepsiCo (who purchased Quaker, a leading rival in 2001).



Pure Oat
"Oatwell with Oats"

What is our USP?
WE SELL THE HEALTHIEST OATS IN THE MARKET, INCLUDING A GOOD SOURCE OF FIBRE TO BEGIN OUR DAY. ITS QUICK AND EASY TO CONSUME.

Competitors:
DESPITE THE VARIOUS STORES THAT SELL OATS LIKE SAINSBURY'S, ASDA, AND ALDI, WE SELL OUR OATS AT A CHEAPER PRICE, WHILST USING HIGHER QUALITY INGREDIENTS.

Price:
OUR MEDIUM PRICE RANGE MAKES THESE OATS AFFORDABLE FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE FACTORIES, WE PRODUCE THESE FOR £1, HOWEVER WE SELL THEM FOR £1.49.

This term in Aspire, the children have really expressed their creativity by creating and performing some wonderful poetry, with over 20 students lucky enough to be chosen to have their work published! We finished a great term by practising their fine motor skills producing some festive binkas to take home. (See Above)

December has also been a busy month for the music department. The year group celebration assemblies featured fantastic performances from BTEC music performance students Konstantina Misheva, Mikey Power, Sophie Sillince and Faye Sparrow, while Faye and Mikey also performed a selection of jazz, pop and Christmas songs at the primary schools gallery visit for the Art Department. Yr10 BTEC music performance student Maddy Shaahean played Cinderella in the school pantomime, which also featured several music scholars in prominent roles on- and off-stage. Thanks also to the Yr12 music tech students for their support at the pantomime performances.

In Humanities we have been working with our TKAT subject advisors who are now providing additional support to our year 11 students. We have had some fantastic saturday revision sessions and our mid week sessions are gaining momentum.

Subject Highlights:

'Cinderella' students have been rehearsing for four hours a week since late September to put together something truly spectacular. Thank you to Year 11s Tom and Casey M who not only choreographed the whole show but also stepped in last minute to help cover roles for unwell students - Tom for the front of the horse, Dumpling, and Casey for Elsa (one of the Disney fairy princesses). Joe and Liam P were glorious in the roles of Cheryl and Beryl (ugly stepsisters), while Louise (Year 7) absolutely tore the house down cartwheeling while singing All the Single Ladies. Maddy (Cinders) and Jesse (Prince Charming) finally learned how to waltz and earned their title roles in beautiful performances, and Tyler really showed off his improvisation skills when his wig fell off onstage. Grace stole the audience's hearts as the Fairy G, even battling through a horrible cold to give a stunning performance of You Can't Stop The Beat. There's so much more to say about so many more students - they were all absolutely brilliant, and we're very proud.

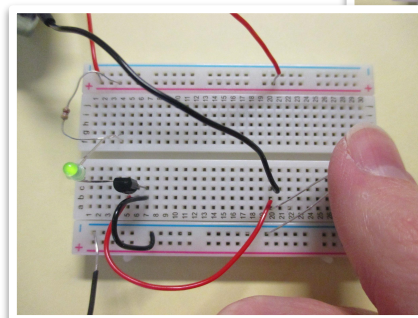
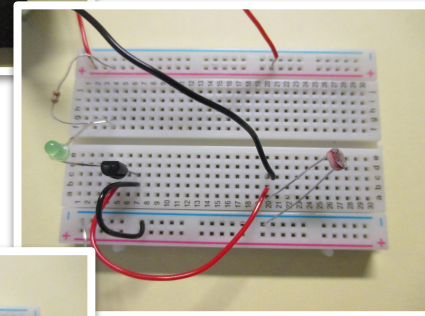
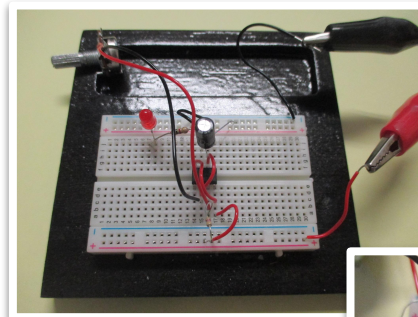


Year 10 have been learning how to use Photoshop and creating some very anti-festive horror posters in Media Studies.



Subject Highlights:

DT/Engineering- Year 10 have spent time learning about circuit diagrams and how they can be tested using breadboards. They have designed a circuit to turn an LED on when it gets dark using an LDR and a circuit that makes an LED flash every few seconds using a 555 timer chip. Circuit using a 555 timer chip to make an LED flash on and off (Top) A circuit that turns on an LED when it gets dark using an LDR. (Below)



This month we are excited to have Mrs. Katy Cooper join our team, an experienced school practitioner who runs Puppy Yoga classes in her spare time! From January, Mrs. Cooper will be running tutorials centred on wellbeing and reading - watch this space for news on ACE puppy yoga class!!

December has seen us support the year groups on trips out of school Bowling and to Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park. Miss Armer has dedicated her musical and stage-support talents with the Cinderella production which saw one of our ACE students in the lead role - amazing! Miss Armer has also been giving guitar lessons to a student during her tutorials.

Mr. Freeman has been working with his Y11's supporting them with their coursework, but also working with them and motivating them on their post-16 ambitions, guiding them and giving them choices to enhance their futures.

As always we continue to focus on the students' wellbeing, and this time of year is always a difficult time for a lot of our students and their families. We are all under pressure to deliver an amazing Christmas for our children but it never gets easier as time goes by. Love and support within a family are the best things our children can be given (although if you ask them they'll probably say they'd rather have an Xbox or an iPhone!) so I hope wherever you are, whoever you're with you have a loving, calm & happy festive period.

Congratulations to this term's winning tutor groups. Students in these groups will receive their attendance reward at the start of the new term.

7 Oak	95%
8 Maple	96%
9 Oak & 9 Fir	94%
10 Alder	90%
11 Fir	95%
12 KHN	97%

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS THIS TERM:

This month saw students from Years 7-10 rewarded for their excellent attendance with trips to Ten Pin in Bexleyheath.



A special congratulation to Fagan who has been selected to take part in a 2 year Development Players Programme with Saracens. Good luck in your upcoming tournament Fagan!



Reward Assemblies: At the end of term each year group got together for an extended assembly. A range of awards were given out to students including Achievement team Leader, Form Tutor and Headteacher awards addition to Attendance improvement and 100% attendance being acknowledged. Each subject also nominated students for attainment and progress awards. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate a range of student successes

Jack Petchey award winner Ben used the money received to host a Christmas breakfast and quiz for all 6th form students to build teamwork and morale.



GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

December has seen lots of Golden Tickets awarded to a range of students. Students received a letter home from the Headteacher as well as a meeting with him to discuss the Welling values and receive some chocolate! Students were also entered into the termly prize draw for Amazon vouchers.

NAME	REASON
<i>Stefan P</i>	Exceptional work
<i>Phoebe E</i>	Positive attitude to learning and improving attendance and building healthy relationships with peers
<i>Archie B</i>	Always helping me set up classroom
<i>Alfie M</i>	Teaching another student from the front of the class hexadecimal conversions
<i>Charles M</i>	Independently working out how to build macros. Outstanding!
<i>Laila K</i>	Enthusiastic contributions consistently
<i>Amelia R</i>	For always being ready to learn, bringing the correct equipment and uniform everyday
<i>Vlad V</i>	Attended intervention/excellent effort with coursework
<i>Ewan S</i>	Vast improvement in behaviour and work this lesson
<i>Sarvina S</i>	Enthusiastic
<i>Robin H-W</i>	Improvement in focus, effort and quality of work
<i>Leo S</i>	Outstanding attitude to learning always polite and very respectful
<i>Reggie B</i>	Good start to Year 10
<i>Ryan H</i>	Excellent creative writing. Vivid imagery and using proper writing techniques.
<i>Jacob V</i>	Always working really hard in all lessons
<i>Amelia R</i>	Cinderella
<i>Chloe H</i>	For continuous hard work and resilience all term
<i>Summer S</i>	For amazing preparation coursework

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:

- YR9 Curriculum Evening (options) **4-6pm 25 January 2024**
- End of Spring term 1 **9 February 2024**
- Spring Term 2 Starts **19 February 2024**
- YR9 Parents' Evening **7 March 2024**
- YR8 Parents' Evening **21 March 2024**
- Spring Term 2 Ends **28 March 2024**
- Easter Half Term **Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April 2024**
- Good Friday **Friday 29 March 2024**
- Easter Monday **Monday 1 April 2024**
- YR10 Parents' Evening **23 May 2024**
- YR12 Parents' Evening **13 June 2024**
- "6th Form Taster Day (YR11 into 12) **27 June 2024**
- YR7 Parents' Evening **27 June 2024**

ASSEMBLY TOPICS COVERED WERE:

- Assemblies started this month on the theme of Christmas, delivered by Mr Taylor-Pease. Students looked at the meaning of Christmas and how some of its key themes, such as charity and time spent with family, are universal.
- Achievement Team Leaders held their end of term rewards assemblies, with an hour dedicated to recognising students' contributions across the term. Awards covered achievement and progress in subject disciplines, as well as a host of pastoral and attendance rewards.

CAREERS:

- Welling School were proud to host their inaugural Careers & Futures Evening. The evening was an opportunity for students along with their parents/carers to learn about the qualifications, skills and knowledge needed to succeed in different sectors of the private and public sector.
- Colleges and Universities were also on hand to provide advice and guidance on post 16 and 18 routes into education.
- The picture below shows guest speaker Steve Dickman TKAT Finance Director of Finance and Operations kicking off the evening in style.

