

In the month of February 2024

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

We kick started the month with **Welling's Got Talent**. It was a delight to see so many singers, dancers and musicians attend this sell out performance in early February. The atmosphere was electric, as students from all year groups took to the stage to wow a panel of very impressed judges. Look out for more opportunities to see our oh so talented students share their gifts for the arts with us.



"This session has really inspired me to believe in myself and work hard till I make it"

Year 10 student



Following a positive start to the year, students have continued to engage with the Wise UP mentoring programme. A total of 30 students have signed up and attended group sessions and 10 new students signed up to take part in after school creative arts skills development skills workshops and are working towards developing original dance routines and producing songs. This month, 15 students participated in 'Inspire and enable' workshops delivered by Sharkira Lueshing, a previous contestant on the Voice UK and Radio presenter, who is now thriving in the creative industries and has recently partnered with PYE to work in schools supporting girls and young females. Shakira delivered a powerful talk to a group of year 8 – 11 girls which was well received and very engaging. She shared her own childhood difficulties, school experiences and offered tips and advice related to what it takes, and to make it in the industry. Many myths and stereotypes were challenged and students were provided with truthful insights in the interests of safeguarding against and raising awareness on sexual exploitation and staying safe. She was able to reinforce positive messages around the importance of working hard, time keeping and following instructions which registered with students. The students who participated report that they thoroughly enjoyed and found the session useful.

During the half term, year 13 students visited the ancient city of Naples and Sorrento. They explored the ruins of Pompeii, climbed to the top of Mount Vesuvius and navigated the deep underground tunnels of Naples. As well as all of the exploring, students embraced the culture and ate a lot of pizza, taking the opportunity to make their own in a pizza cooking class! A huge thank you to Mr Foster and Miss Vosper for coming with us. Italy we will be back!



Before half term, we invited some of our Year 11 applicants to come and experience some 6th Form lessons and meet some of the 6th Form students.

Students took part in A-Level activities in a range of different subjects including our new subject offer Graphics with Miss Moore.



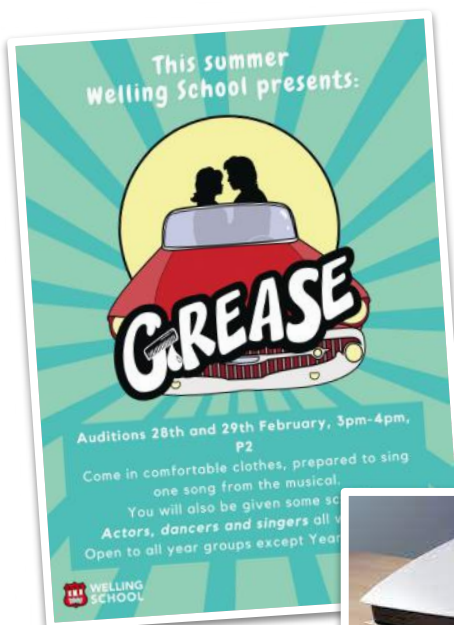
In Maths 50 students in years 9 & 10 completed the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Intermediate Challenge. 8 of our students gained National recognition with bronze, silver or gold certificates.

In Science year 9s have enjoyed investigating how pH can affect rate of enzyme catalysed reaction.

Students in the Science club used different separation techniques to see who can extract the most pure salt from a mixture of rock salt.

Some selected year 10s have started intervention sessions in Science to get a head start on scoring top scores for their GCSEs.

Many students have been attending Saturday intervention for targeted revision. Wednesday intervention's attendance has also been increasing in the build up to their final exam.



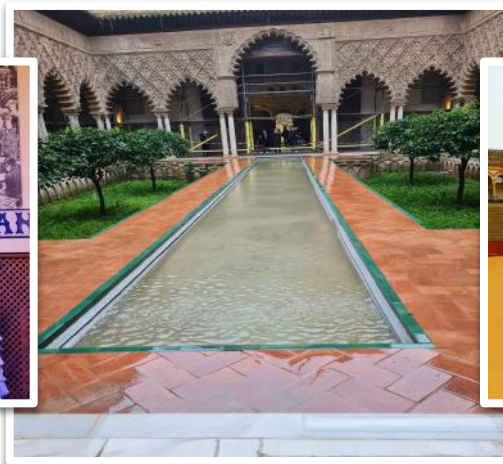
Record numbers arrived to take part in auditions for our Summer musical 'Grease'. Students learnt and performed choreography, script work and solo songs in order to gain a part in the show. They displayed talent, resilience, courage and kindness throughout and we can't wait to share the show with you in the Summer term.

This term we have launched our first ever gaming club. This is currently aimed at Y7 students with scope to grow to other years. We have also just purchased a shiny new Playstation 5 as part of this club.

Students at the Language Cafe have been working on their role play presentation of the Italian Cafe which will take place next term with the students role playing chefs, waiters cashiers and customers in an Italian pizzeria. Guests including Mr Griffen, Ms Gooch and Ms Reid will be invited along to participate in the role play as guests in the Italian Cafe. Here are some props that the students will be using and the pizzas that they have created!



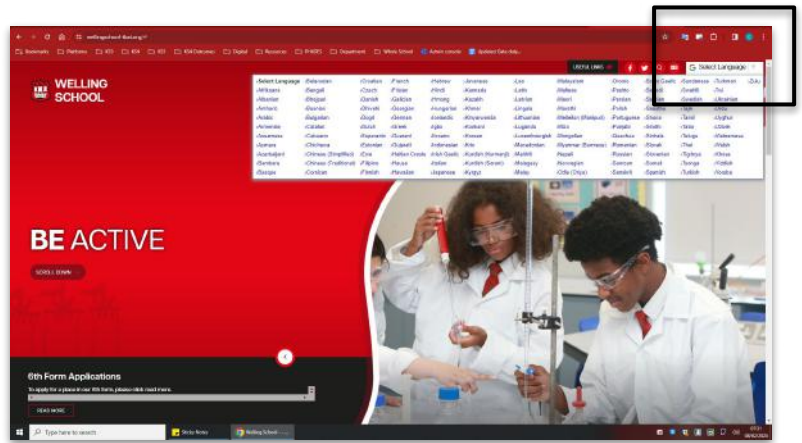
25 GCSE and A Level Spanish students participated on a school trip to Seville Spain. This gave the students the opportunity to practise their spoken Spanish and to experience Spanish culture first hand. We visited the Giralda tower, the Real Alcazar and the Maestranza bullring. An adventure quest enabled students to work in teams to find answers to questions on Spanish culture and Seville. Churros, tortilla and croquetas were all tried, and the highlight was a meal and Flamenco show. The students had a great time and arrived home *cansado pero feliz!* They have lots to talk about in their speaking exams!



Following on from the successful Jack Petchey Speak Out workshop that was undertaken by a group of year 10 students, 4 students were selected to present their speeches in Year 7 assembly. All 4 of our student speakers were fantastic, but the overall winner was the fabulous Esther Odejimi!

Esther's speech on the power of music wowed the audience and she has now earned the privilege of representing Welling School at the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Bexley regional finals, with the hope of winning and representing the region in the national finals. ***Congratulations Esther and good luck for the upcoming finals!***

Parents/Carers can now access the school website in their chosen language. Go to the top right of the Home page, click on the last round button (to the right of the 'search' button) which will generate a 'drop-down menu' and select your language.



A warm welcome to new students who started with us in February from Nigeria and Romania. Students who have low levels of English will have additional help - either 1:1 or in small groups. Students are also allocated ipads to help with translation during their lessons.

To help your son/daughter improve their English quicker and therefore be able to better access their lessons, here are some free websites which may help:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjpn3qt>

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>

<https://learnenglish teens.britishcouncil.org/>

<https://www.onestopenglish.com/teenagers>



Visiting artist Michaela Washington-welch is making exciting collaborative sculptural work inspired by the pop art movement with year 8s. The work in progress will then be exhibited in the gallery in the summer term to showcase the project and pupils' creativity.

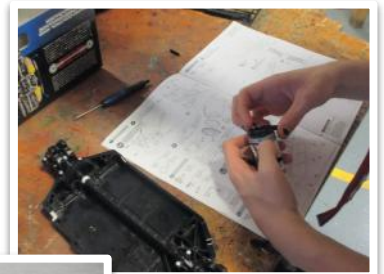
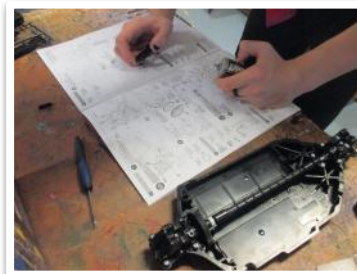
Netball: Welling School vs Blackfen

Girls from Y7 and Y8 did a fantastic job and put a lot of effort into the game which they unfortunately lost but we are still very much looking forward to future matches.



The Year 10 Business Studies Students have been exploring different legal statuses for businesses and what they mean. Students have been learning the differences and similarities between Sole traders, Partnerships, LTDs and PLCs. They identified that the wonderful Welling High Street is made up of a variety of businesses that fall under one of these categories. For example: Barbers and Newsagents are examples of Sole Traders, Dentists and Solicitors are examples of Partnerships, Worths Bakery Ltd and Original Herbs Ltd are examples of Private Limited Companies and Finally McDonalds and Subway are examples of PLCs.

Year 10 students have been coming back after school to assemble radio controlled cars. It took some time as they were really hard to build! They learnt about car differentials, gear ratios and how to make a car 4 wheel drive. They then raced them all round the school. Luckily there were no speed cameras around!



Students in year 12 and 13 enriched their PSHE knowledge this term by completing relationship and sexual health workshops. They learned all about consent, contraception, preventing STIs, and performing self-exams to prevent cancer. The turnout was fantastic and they all showed great maturity and engagement.

Year 11 ATL



11 Fir enjoyed their pizza party for winning the tutor group of year 11 with the best attendance.

The 100% attenders to interventions enjoyed their Bowling trip to Ten Pin as a reward! Well done for their perseverance and commitment!



Year 10 ATL

Congratulations to Oak again, for having the best tutor group attendance. As a reward, the tutor group had a pizza party to celebrate their excellent achievement. Will they make it a hat-trick of pizza parties....

It has been another successful term for students taking part in the Millwall programme, students have shown real progress in their footballing ability.



Year 9 ATL

Massive congratulations to 9FIR who have won the attendance competition for the second time this year! Thank you for showing kindness by bringing over a box to the Year 9 Care & Guidance office to share with Mr Bartlett & Mrs Roberts!

Year 9 Aspire enjoyed a trip to Tag Active as a reward for their continued hard work in English and Maths. Ms Greenway and Mr Bartlett have been very impressed by how much energy the class has and look forward to more fun reward trips with this group!



Year 8 ATL

8 MAPLE enjoyed a doughnut each in recognition of their excellent collective attendance performance for the previous term. Well done MAPLE! - Although, I was a little disappointed that there were no leftovers!

I was very impressed with the mature attitude of all our Year 8s in a recent assembly exploring the theme of LGBT+. It was a serious issue that required open-mindedness and a sensible approach and Year 8 were respectful and listened with interest. Well done everybody. Mr Collins

Year 7 ATL

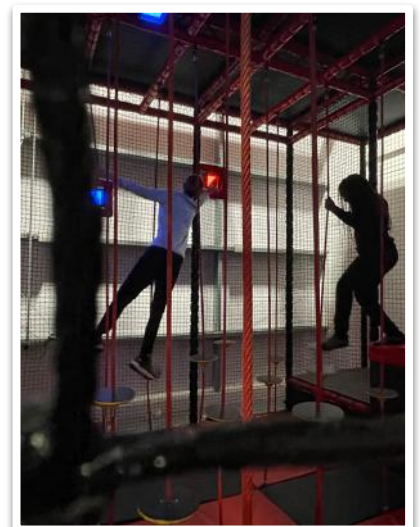
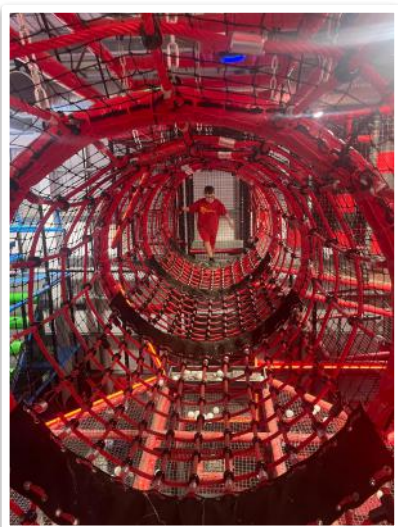
Strong winds caused damage to a local house, knocking down their garden wall. This caused the path to be blocked for members of the public and Welling students coming to school along Berwick road.

Mr Brown along with some student volunteers and a local resident helped to clear the path. Thank you for emulating our school's value of kindness so meaningfully, in support of our local community.

Twenty Year 7 students enjoyed breakfast with Mr Brown, in recognition for achieving 90+ positive conduct points.



This term within Aspire, we have been testing our teamwork, endurance and problem solving skills. Year 7, 8 and 9 all battled it out at Tag Active, where they had to beat the clock in order to achieve points. They were all amazing, though a big shout goes out to Noah in year 8, who achieved the best score of the week!





TKAT ACE

A Champion for Every Child

The highlight for us this month was being able to reward some of our students with a puppy therapy session courtesy of Mrs. Cooper at the end of the term. Both students and staff got to enjoy a litter of 8 week old Cavapoo puppies and we were fortunate enough to have Miss Moore come along and take some wonderful photographs, many of which are now up on our wall. The students attended due to their efforts in increasing their school and lesson attendance and engagement, they should be very proud of themselves and were thoroughly deserving of this special treat.



SIGNIFICANT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THIS TERM

Congratulations to Faye Sparrow for passing the audition for 'The Voice' we look forward to sharing more of our students' talent at our Performing Arts showcase later this half term. Watch this space for further details as the rehearsals get under way.

EXTRA CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS:

A new pottery club has just been launched. The students are making some animal-inspired models and are intending to paint them in a couple of week's time. Such a therapeutic way to end a busy day, exploring the use of form and shape and they create new pieces.



GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

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NAME	REASON
Freddie Deaves	Mature comments in PSHE
Jamie Dean	Good contribution always in form
Lenny Tucker	Excellent effort and respect for others
Chloe Elliott-Say	Superb hair coursework and building confidence working on clients
Bonnie Cooper	Being kind to another student
Saad Babker-Fadol	Always so kind and helpful and polite. Such a nice person to be around
Lillian Wray	Spent all of break picking up and tidying the books in the library
Lacie Meeks	Excellent Engineering Skills
Laila Karim	Inspirational enthusiastic and shows such kindness to her peers.
Frankie Oswald	Great participation and leadership
Rares Dumitru	Continued effort and progress in numeracy intervention. Always on time and polite
Louisa Sampson	For being a hardworking and conscientious student receptionist. Louisa has a very mature attitude.
Talisa Ali-Osman	Excellent engineering lesson
Joseph Osador	Always contributing to PSHE lessons and sharing great ideas and opinions
Esenia Bushmin	Exceptional of understanding and display in Art
Ruby Reilly	A change in attitude in learning

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Kenzie Nash	Really positive attitude towards learning and trying their absolute best
Brett Fenton	Trying really hard with his report.
Anastasia Murui	Amazing poetry, shining like always
Hollie Wooton	Excellent Engineering skills
Manuela Furtado	Helpful to the teacher
George Roberts	Amazing work produced
Darcie Woodgate	Most improved with effort on class work
Basharat Niazi	Being kind including another student who struggles
Yong Tao	Superb A2L
Sophia Williams	Excellent presentation
Mia Parfitt	Excellent work almost completed in Book
Willow Brookes	Excellent Presentation

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to students in the following tutor groups who won this term's attendance prize - a pizza party with their tutor group.

- 7 ELM** 92.7%
- 8 MAPLE** 94.7%
- 9 FIR** 92.6%
- 10 OAK** 89.1%
- 11 FIR** 95.0%
- 12 SHD** 94.0%

Well done to those students working hard to maintain excellent attendance. The link between good attendance and high achievement in schools is well established, so every day you are here you are giving yourself a better chance of success.

If your child cannot come to school, which should be a rare occurrence, parent/carers should report student absence by 8am on the day, to the following absence line telephone number 07592 025352.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:

- National careers Week **4th - 8th March**
- School Council meeting **Wednesday 6th March**
- Year 9 Parents evening **Thursday 7th March**

ASSEMBLY TOPICS COVERED WERE:

- Safer Internet Day
- LGBT+ History Month

CAREERS:

- Year 10 and 12 students have started the process of finding a work experience placement with the aim of developing transferable skills, such as communication and team working, understanding how organisations work, building confidence in interacting with adults, bringing a job they have read about to life, or gaining an insight into a career path that they wish to follow.