

WELLING IN THE MONTH OF July 2023...

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

- Year 11 Prom Celebration Event On Thurs 13th July our Year 11 students were able to celebrate finishing their GCSEs with a prom. Students all looked glamorous and enjoyed a night of dancing with their peers.
- It has been a delight spending time with our September Year 7 cohort during our recent transition events. The transition team have completed their final year six visits to local primary schools and it has been a joy to hear how excited the pupils are about learning new subjects for the first time and making new connections with teachers and peers in September. Our last transition event of the year is the Summer School, taking place on the 30th and 31st of August where students will enjoy inflatables, dance workshops and art activities. We very much look forward to welcoming them then. A huge thank you to all the students helpers that have helped on these days and exemplified our Kindness value.
- Some of our year 10 students have been participating in a course run by Paula Kerr. Paula is a personal trainer and author of several books. Her work focuses on the power of keeping the mind and body strong and developing the tools to do this. Our students have approached these sessions positively and pushed themselves to achieve the very best they can and we are excited to see them transfer their skills back into their studies and future aspirations.
- Final Quiz Club ran on Friday the 7th July, two newcomers won a prize of fidget toys and a national book token.
- Mr Sanghera and Mrs Brehme ran a successful Year 10 mock interview workshop all day where students got to try out their professional speaking skill sets. All pupils received feedback on their interview to use in the future
- Final Anime club runs this Thursday 3-4pm and Wednesday 19th 3-4pm is a special competition for Anime Club goers, with a prize of a character figurine, good luck to all, and well done for great club attendance this year.
- Josh and Nancy, two of our year 7 students delivered fantastic speeches to our new year 7s and their families, sharing their experience of being a Welling year 7 student.
- The Performing Arts faculty were proud to present two nights of Matilda this month. There were around 30 students involved from all year groups. Our Matilda was a fantastic year 7 student and we were proud to see so many young students participating. We were joined by a brilliant band who provided a live accompaniment for our students to perform to. The lighting, sound and backstage teams were all current students and ran an impressive backstage crew. Students rehearsed twice a week after school for a term and a half and brought real energy to the stage. The show was sold out on both nights with extra chairs being added to accommodate additional audience members on the second night. We look forward to more productions next year!



• The PE department were delighted to host two sportsdays at the end of July, one for key stage 3 and one for key stage 4. The event involved all students participating in a range of sports and athletic events which contributed towards points. In year 7 the winning tutor group was Year 7 Beech, year 8 was Cedar, Year 9 Maple and Year 10 ELM. We had many particular highlights over the course of the two days including a dance off between year groups, the biggest macarena ever seen as well as a staff relay. Students demonstrated such fantastic team work and exemplified our values of Kind, Ambitious and Active. Students received medals for their performance in relay and the 100 metres and some significant performances will now ensure nominations for district representation. We were particularly pleased with our sixth form who led on a range of tasks and activities and supported the smooth running of the event. We would like to thank all staff and students who contributed to two fantastic days.



Subject Highlights:

- Colleagues in our English department attended a Prince's Trust training day in preparation for our launch in September to students on our Aspire pathway. This will ensure that they have evidence for employability and we can link work that is planned and achieved to the school curriculum. Students will be able to gain accreditation for skills that they have exhibited outside of the classroom, which will ensure that our young people are prepared for their futures and gain confidence in their various abilities.
- Count on Maths club- Congratulations to our Top Achievers Dinoj Arulnanthi and Nancy Wisher. Well done to the top 10 Sparx users for the Year: Arsen Pavshok, Lukrecija Miezelyte, Daniel Cvetkov, Jayden Mac, Sienna Tidy, Oliver Pluck-Smith, Alfie Day, Harjeevan Dhoopher, Ethan Petts, Charlotte Smith
- French students were taken out to the National Gallery where they focussed upon the works of the Impressionists with a particular focus upon Renoir, Cezanne and Monet. Following the National Gallery, they experienced the delights of Brasserie Zedel where students enjoyed the "Prix-Fixe". The students were a credit to themselves and the school.



- This month our year 7 and 8 classes took part in a challenge to design football kits for 'Moon United'. Students had to carefully consider the materials and designs that would be appropriate for a football kit that could be used on the moon. Students in year 7 also really enjoyed learning about how sparklers and fireworks are made. Both year 7s and 8s, learnt about the universe and it was a delight to see many of the students showing great fascination towards Space and asking amazing questions.
- It is a delight to be able to say that students in Year 7-9 all completed the TKAT assessments. Lots of excellent, detailed paragraphs and judgements redolent of superb progress. Year 12 too recently sat their internal PPEs and produced some highly encouraging exam answers. Hopefully some of the Year 12 historians will go on to excel next summer and can look ahead to places at Russell Group universities. Aim high historians!
- Head Boy Ben Saywell and Tommy King in Year 12 took part in a work experience programme with Lloyds Bank as part of the Futures Academy with Visonpath. They spent a week travelling to London and experiencing the world of banking. On the last day, they were invited to a Careers Fest where they took part in lectures and seminars hosted by employers from the finance industry.



• Y12 ART & PHOTO PPE's- Y12 students spent 3 days creating their final works for their first A-level fine art and Photography PPE experience. They did brilliantly, creating triptychs of canvases, animations, comic books and photographic images of professional quality and skill.



 KS3 art lessons have this month been taking place in the school gallery to view and interact with the KS4/5 GCSE & A-level exhibition. Taking a look at the range of work and learning about the themes around it, students selected their favourite and made their own drawn version. Hopefully from the previous students artists, our new crop of KS3 artists will be ambitious to follow in their footsteps.



• Business- After a couple of weeks of secondary research, group work, writing a pitch and deciding their marketing mix (price, product, place and promotion). All the Year 7 and 8 students were tasked with showcasing their entrepreneurial side as they put together a mini enterprise project in teams, having either identified a gap in the market, adapting an existing product or designing and marketing a product from scratch and discussing the marketing mix



for their respective projects. The final task was to put together a group Dragons Den style business presentation for the rest of their class. The class voted by showing their fifty pound notes as a way of showing whether or not they would invest in a particular business venture and giving reasons as to why they felt the business would work or not. One of the high-lights during one of the sessions was when the The Dragons i.e. the class became incredibly business minded as the venture entrepreneurs for the personalised Guess

Who board game negotiated a share of 10% to their potential investors.

• The end of year project for year 7 saw them design and make a prototype mobile phone holder from acrylic plastic. They included a method of attaching the recharging cable so when the mobile phone is on the stand it can be recharged. Some alterations had to be made as they went along as some were not stable.



SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS THIS TERM:

- We are very proud of Eva Pescator who has represented and been successful in the London Youth games.
- 100% attendance pupils and our super stars and rising stars (all displaying a fantastic attitude to learning) were recognised and celebrated in our celebration assemblies.
- Following feedback from our school council we will be launching a new reward system which will enable all students to be recognised for positive contributions. A range of prizes will be given to students at a range of levels starting with an achievement pen and finishing in a summer VIP event where parents, governors and school leaders will be invited to celebrate with those achieving level 8, various plans are in place but a bbq or afternoon tea with various hired entertainment are currently being explored.



July Golden Ticket Winners

• We will be continuing with the Golden Tickets that are issued to students for 'on the spot excellence' next academic year- please see below our wonderful July winners. Students received a letter home from the Headteacher as well as a meeting with him to discuss the Welling values and receive some chocolate!



Khandan Pshtiwan	Consistently working hard to the best of her ability
Grace Etteridge	Politeness and calm under pressure, thoughtful
Josh Okubadejo	Incredible engagement and PPE work
Laila Karim	Exemplary work and answers in Maths
Amie Newton	Brilliant contributions in Philosophy and Ethics
Jessica Philbrick	Leading the way in Coding and Computer Science, Excellent Work, Excellent Creativity, Kind Ambitious Active. Excellent Work supporting teacher and student
Aaron Thapa	Truly excellent dedication to learning - A true role model
Josh Okubadejo	Going above and beyond in his Art Exams



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Joshua Mulley	Winning silver at AMSP and good Maths Work
Thomas McKenzie	Showing resilience and great attitude to school work
Jayden Mac	Completed Clan project
Harry Abbott Wells	Increasing attendance showing resilience and pushing himself to do better
Sophie Ansell	Excellent notes and engagement in lesson again
Alexi Cachia	Input towards group project
Sadie Evans	Improved attitude in general very positive
Mahmut Latif	Persistent excellence in History
Teddy Lee	Producing a fantastic business presentation
Ayaan Suleman	Consistently polite and hard working
Ethan Bourdet	Helping out with various school events recently
Zak Brooks	An outstanding, focussed essay on the Civil War
Phoebe Brown	Outstanding work in a cover lesson led by example
Emma Bulmer	Consistently exceptional work in psychology
Amy Burrows	Outstanding work on Pythagoras
Noah Castro	Excellent Coding Skills. Supporting other students
Ella Divers	Being Ambitious and Hardworking this year
Daniel Hayes	Consistent excellent effort
Jayden Mac	Consistently completing independent study and always being kind and ambitious.
Xander Maffia	Always being the perfect gentleman
Amie Newton	Organisation and completing homework on time
Francesca Parboo	Fantastic verbal contributions during class debate. Excellent team leader for her side of the argument
Gea Parisella	Superb effort in every class/helping staff
Zachary Pescatore	Inspiring efforts in Mathematics and kindness to other students
Ella Roach	Consistent exceptional effort with classwork
James Robertson	For consistent excellent behaviour and attendance
Elsie Stacey	Amazing independent art work
Fiona Maddy	Excellent contributions in lessons
Annie Mitchell	Outstanding assessment superb work
Vlad Dobre	Most improved in effort with classwork and contributions
Megan Thompson	Excellent contributions and well presented classwork
Sara Stanciu	For welcoming the Year 6's
Keelan Garrett	Combining his music technical skills with drama and lighting for Matilda
Connor Cahill	Resilience and commitment to consistently producing good work
Akeeno Bryan	Always being a wonderful and delightful student
Sara Stanciu	Consistently upholding school values all year in Art
Dale Haley	Always doing the right thing
Ava Sicilia	Being very kind and helpful to another student
William Dean	Obtained Grade A in certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS)

ATTENDANCE

- Each week in the student bulletin, students are shown the attendance of their tutor group against the others in their year group, along with any increases or decreases from the previous week, giving a weekly attendance champion.
- During the penultimate week of term we shared this year's overall attendance champions with students, with tutor groups in Year 7 and Year 10 coming out on top. Congratulations to students 7 Maple, our overall school attendance champions. An honourable mention to students in the following tutor groups too: 7 Cedar, 10 Oak, 10 Fir,10 Elm
- Next year is a fresh start for all students, and an opportunity for everyone to increase their chances of achieving successful outcomes, starting with attending school every day.

WE VISITED:

• Year 10 Spanish students went on a trip to Chupitos Restaurant to practise their spoken Spanish and transactional language which is part of the GCSE curriculum. They also got to taste Spanish food and develop their knowledge of Spanish culture.



- Visits to year 5 classes at Bedonwell and Fosters: The Art department have been going on visits to local primary schools and this week took part in a taster lesson of what to expect for their future year 7 lessons bringing it back to basics and learning about mark making!
- On 14th July, students visited Greenwich university for the TKAT Aspire Day. They were involved in various workshops about apprenticeships and universities as well as guest speakers from a range of career sectors. As well as a keynote speech from paralympian Steve Brown. This was a great day where students met other students from the other TKAT 6th Forms and were able to build on their ambitions to help them progress at the end of year 13.



• Year 12 had their end of year rewards trip with a day at Danson Park in the last week of the school year. They took part in water based activities including sailing and kayaking.



PSCHE TOPICS COVERED:

• This month we have been covering the PSHE strand of 'Living in The Wider World'. Across the year 7-10 groups we have explored Financial decision making, Digital literacy, Employability skills and Exploring influence.

ASSEMBLY TOPICS COVERED WERE:

- Students finished the year with an assembly about Sports Day, with the PE department taking them through this year's format, and offering an opportunity for teams to ask questions before the event.
- The final assembly of the year was the End of Year Celebration assembly, giving students an opportunity to gain recognition and reward for their hard work, effort and achievement across this academic year.

CAREERS:

 Mock interview Day: We wanted to give year 10 students the opportunity to understand and practise their interview skills and improve their chances of success in their chosen pathway. Each student was given a 10 minute interview for a part time job in JD Sports with a volunteer from industry followed by feedback on their verbal and non verbal skills. The students were prepared for the big day by their tutors during registration, who worked with students to look at examples of positive body language to be used and practised answers to potential questions that they could face. The students found the day a really useful experience and were praised by the business volunteers for the professional way they conducted themselves during the interview and for the exemplary answers they were giving tricky questions.



• Work Experience - Year 10 Child Development and Health and Social Care students went on work experience in various child care settings including primary schools and nurseries. They had a full insight into the life of an early years practitioner and were able to put the theory they had learnt this year into practice. Well done to all of them and we received some lovely comments from the staff they worked with.