

In the month of March 2024

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

This month Welling school students have visited a number of places. Year 7 visited the Science museum. Giving students the opportunity to experience Science out of the classroom with interactive activities.

Year 10 Future Frontiers - Students were mentored by volunteers from industry, to get them thinking about their next steps on their career path.

Yr 11 Higher Progress & Attainment Maths/English Trip - A group of year 11 students joined other TKAT schools Orchards, Cleeve Park and Rainham School for Girls for a Maths and English Conference delivered at The Atkins Centre by the TKAT Leadership Practitioners.

The conference was aimed at aspiring to and securing grade 7 or better in the core subjects. In maths the students did iteration, quadratic sequences, bounds amongst other meaty topics. In English students did extended writing pieces focused on English Language with Maria Yaqiz, the star of the show for her nominal adjectival piece of writing about Stoker's Dracula.

Yr 11 Berlin Trip - Students visited the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, Cold War Museum and a guided walking tour of Berlin.



SIGNIFICANT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THIS TERM

It was fantastic to see so many successes in our Achievement assemblies at the end of last term. A huge well done to all involved.

Assemblies covered this term:

National Careers Week

Making students aware of how their future depends on what they do today.

Science Week

Raising the understanding of the importance of Science

Celebration & Rewards

Celebrating the achievements and progress made by students in the last term for each subject area.

Peer Pressure

Mr Roberts delivered a thrilling assembly on the topic of peer pressure. The crux of his message was that sometimes we have to be assertive and learn to say no. Not to be defiant, but to be clear about what our own values are - what we will and will not do. We also learnt there are ways to say no. So remember AVE. Assertive - it is fine to say no and still be accepted, real friends will understand this. Values - know what your values are, if you do not believe being mean about someone is a good thing then do not be mean. Excuse - if you find yourself in an awkward position then do not be afraid to make a polite, simple excuse such as you need to be home by a certain time. Negotiating peer pressure in group situations is a life skill, so start practising now.

Extra Curricular highlights:

March hosted the production of '**One Night Only**'. Thank you to all of those involved in this sell-out event. Students from all year groups shared their talent to a captivated audience.



Key Events:

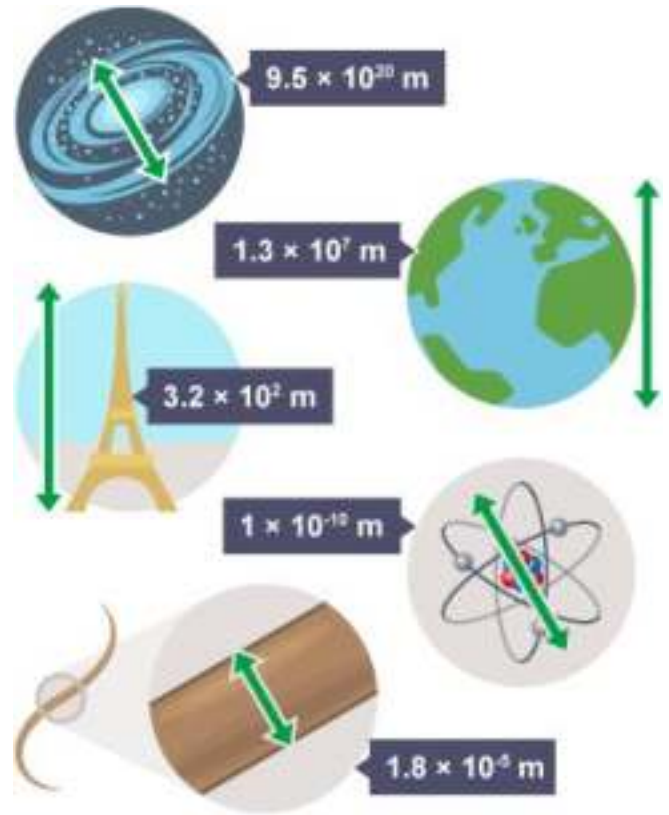
Our Year 7s recently enjoyed a brilliant Personal Development day based on the theme of resilience. Their day started with a shared breakfast, followed by an assembly exploring how iron man uses each 'failure' to improve himself and ultimately triumph. Students enjoyed a range of activities designed to push them out of their comfort zone and overcome challenges. They were superb! Please see below for the activities on offer. We are very much looking forward to being able to repeat the day with our year 9s very soon.



<p>Seated volleyball</p> <p>External company teach skills and lead students in series of games</p>	<p>Amazing Maths</p> <p>Maths code breaking</p>	<p>Self defence</p> <p>Pad work, falling safely, heart raisers, responding to punches, grabs</p>	<p>Chess</p> <p>Fundamental rules applied to games</p>	<p>Tote Bag Design</p> <p>Designing and painting your own tote bag</p>
<p>Film poster design</p> <p>Design and create a film poster using Canva software</p>	<p>Explosive Science</p> <p>Marshmallow test Exploring resilience and delayed gratification</p>	<p>Public speaking</p> <p>Techniques to build confidence, shape structure and form when public speaking</p>	<p>Rhythm workshop</p> <p>African drumming workshop simple patterns, call and response, simple performance</p>	<p>Resilience quest</p> <p>Reconstruct an exciting adventure story whilst exploring what it means to be resilient.</p>

The Year 8 pilot for white rose maths has begun with Miss Reid and Mr Millington's classes. Students have been making fantastic progress and learning about new content on standard form where they have been investigating very small numbers and very large numbers.

Year 7 Aspire spent a double maths lesson learning about what makes bridges strong. They designed their own bridges and then built them from paper straws and tape. The bridges had to span 60cm and be 20cm above the ground. They had to support a weight to be a viable bridge.



Elsewhere, in Key Stage 4 Mr Howell and Mr Roberts launched their online (7pm Tuesday!) evening MasterCast series with a deep dive into the Higher 2023 Paper from last summer, starting with Calculator Paper 3 and some pretty hard problem solving. When doing tough maths it is important to remember the wise words of Confucius:- "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." Well done to those year 11s showing up - to name a few... Maryann, Stan, Sam - be proud that you want to be the best you can possibly be!



It has been a busy few weeks for 6th Form students with PPE results and public exam results being given out at the start of March.

We also welcomed back Wize Up finance company who completed a talk to Year 12 students about Student Finance and university life.

VisionPath came in and spoke to Year 12 students about apprenticeships and internships in the Insurance sector. They also spoke to Year 13 students who are actively looking for an apprenticeship about specialty insurance and the opportunities to sign up and take part in.

Lastly, Elevate Education came and delivered 'The Finishing Line' Workshop to our Year 13 students with only 5 weeks left until the final exams begin, their top tips and insights were valued even more!



Students celebrated British Science week by carrying out various investigations, learning about different careers in Science and discussing the future of science and technology and its place in our lives.



Over 100 year 7 students visited the Science Museum. Well done, year 7s for your good behaviour on the journey and for exploring the museum with enthusiasm and curiosity.



'When the hue gets too heavy' 'A powerful and deeply moving meditation on Black masculinity and black life in Britain.' Drama GCSE students went to see this sensation in the West End. It was a triumph!

The English Department got into the spirit of World Book Day by dressing up as an eclectic range of characters!



7th March, Charlton Tournament Girls enjoyed their day out in the Charlton tournament, unfortunately they did not make it to the final but performed well.



8th March THE BIGGEST FOOTBALL GAME EVER to celebrate International Women's Day happened in Welling! Each girls group class took part in the event and despite initial hesitation they all had lots of fun!

8th of March Player of the term trip, Ninja Warrior UK 14 students across all Key Stages received the opportunity to participate in the reward trip, which happened to be a Ninja Warrior UK -an obstacle course. Can you guess WHO BEAT THE WALL?



The trip was to reward the fantastic effort, hard work, participation and resilience of our students. Do you think you got what it takes to join the next trip?



March, Charlton football session for Girls with Lucy Bailey This month Lucy Bailey, Women's and Girls' Sports Development Officer and UEFA C licence coach from Charlton Athletic Community Trust, attended Welling School to deliver football coaching session for girls Y7, Y8, Y9- girls enjoyed their sessions and we are hoping to continue trainings after the Easter half term.

In the Art department with the exam season fast approaching and starting April 22nd, focus has been on finishing first attempts to work out how best to plan for the exam room. The theme of Observe, Seek, Challenge for A Level has produced some excellent examples in oil painting and composition as pupils are taking risks and refining imagery to develop their projects.



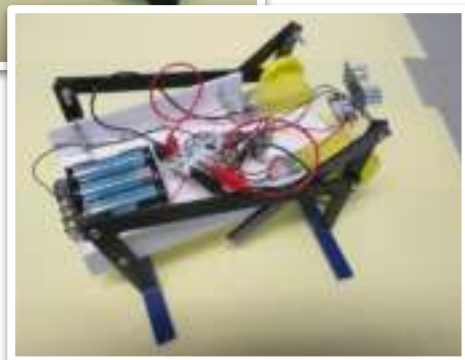
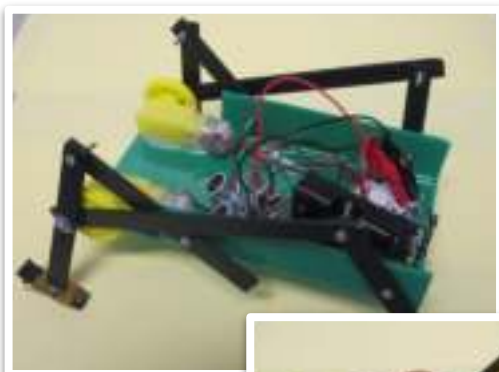
Maja Payne - Year 13

In year 10 Photography Neriah Bakare has been taking incredible photos surrounding her theme 'Culture'. The enthusiasm she has created around this project is astounding and her photos express how hard she has been working.



Neriah Bakare - Year 10

Year 10 Business Students took part in a 'Battle of the Supermarkets' Group Quiz where they competed against other teams in the class. The quiz consisted of all the topics they have studied so far. The winners were: Harrison Saywell; Maxwell Fox-Mortley; Habeeb Oladimeji and Zach Davidson who represented the COOP brand. Runners up were the Tesco Team which was represented by Mason Falconer and Tyler Guerrier.



Year 9 have just completed their electronics project which was to make a steady hand game using a thyresistor. They learned all about circuits and their symbols.

Year 10 have also completed their robo dog using a crumble chip and linkages. It is programmed to turn away from objects that are in its path using an ultrasonic sensor. They had to problem solve the lack of traction (grip) the feet had. A range of different ideas were tried out by the students.

In Aspire this month, we have been reading, writing and performing scripts and poetry. After reading Shakespeare, we felt inspired and compelled to create our own work and used the drama studio to practise our performance.

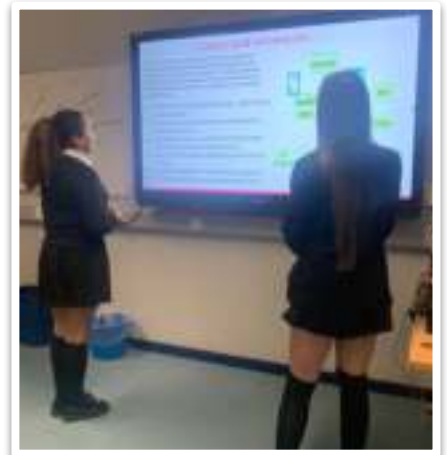
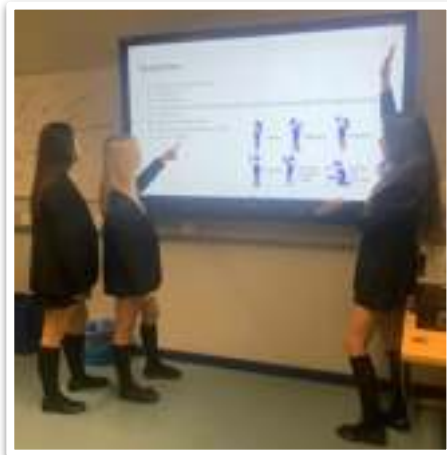
Great to see TEC students involving themselves in Enrichment Groups!



In Health and Social Care/Child Development Year 10 were given the task of creating a presentation on different health conditions and how they affect a person's daily life. They then shared their presentations with the rest of the class. Students were really brave and shared their presentations for confidence, as well as showing respect and participating with their peers.

The NEA has now also finished for the Year 11 classes with only a few students needing to catch up. They are all relieved for it to be done and back to revising for their exam.

Sixth form have also had some exam results back and have been working hard on getting their coursework units completed ready for upcoming moderations.



In PSICHE KS3 students learned some crucial first aid skills in tutor time this term, including how to conduct a primary survey and how to deliver CPR. KS4 also learned about keeping themselves safe and healthy in adult life, including education on the harms of alcohol, drugs, and gambling.

Year 11 ATL

Year 11 has had a phenomenally busy month!

We started the month off with the Gold PPE Results day that was made as much like the real day to come in August as possible so students can imagine the real experience and the impact it will have on them as much as possible.



Students were directed to one of our wonderfully motivating staff to remind them of where they are at in their journey and how to push forward to achieve their best possible results for the real exams.

We celebrated those that had made progress overall from their Silver PPEs to Gold PPEs by having the school's largest pizza party to date!

Those with the very best attendance in Year 11 also had the opportunity to visit Thorpe Park as a reward!

Our TKAT Lead Practitioners also led fantastic conferences for our Potential grade 7-9 Years 11 in English and Maths.

On 22nd March our high achievers also attended a TKAT conference with other schools in the academy and were an absolute credit to the school with how they participated in an enthusiastic, polite and respectful way.

Elevate are also coming back to coach on revision strategies to our high achievers and all year 11s.

The History students are excited for the Berlin Trip and all the experiential and enriched learning that will take place on this amazing opportunity!



Year 10 ATL

This has been a busy March for Year 10s. The Year 10 girls took part in a football tournament at Charlton's training ground, our girls were amazing and did Welling school proud.



A group of Year 10s took part in the future frontier trip, where they visited different businesses and took part in a mentoring programme.

I was lucky enough to take a small group to take part in a Oxbridge workshop, looking at University life, courses and how to apply for University.



Year 9 ATL

The Year 9 Parents Evening event took place on Thursday 7th March, we were really pleased to see so many families coming into school to meet with teachers to get an update on academic progress and behaviour. Thank you to all those that attended and I hope you found the event productive and useful.

Year 9's completed their KS4 Taster lessons on Wednesday 20th March after school, the students that attended found the sessions insightful and stimulating whilst also helping them to be certain about their final option choices.

The deadline for option choices was Friday 22nd March, thank you for submitting your selections on time!

Lastly, the Year 9's were recognised for their academic progress and achievements in the celebration assembly this week. I was very proud to hand out so many certificates to students who have had their outstanding efforts acknowledged, well done to all involved!

Year 8 ATL

A busy month for our Year 8s including a trip to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and a debating event entitled Debate-Mate (both organised by English and Drama teacher, Ms Langdon).



In addition, the last Wednesday of term saw the Year 8 Awards and Achievement Assembly, proudly presented by me - Mr Collins!

Year 7 ATL

The year 7s have been busy this month with a trip to the Science museum and a resilience day workshop.





It has been a busy month in ACE, alongside our tutorials Shannon and Tristan supported the Y7 Science Museum trip & the Y11 Thorpe Park trip. Katy & Rob supported the Y10 Monday cohort with the Future Frontiers careers programme, and Rob & Shannon supported the Tuesday cohort. This was a phenomenal experience, resulting in students talking to someone who works in the industry they are interested in - one student interested in engineering got 1:1 advice & tips from the Technical Director of Engineering at McLaren during a half hour online meeting!! Shannon & Tristan completed their Mental Health First Aid training and can add to our trauma informed practice in ACE. Rob & Shannon continue to train in Emotional Based School Avoidance to support students struggling to come to school. We continue to support Y11 with their GCSE's and have started looking forward with Y10 to their Bronze Mocks. We are currently undergoing a restructure in how we provide tutorials for our students so we can see more on a weekly basis.

ATTENDANCE

This month we ran our 5th attendance reward trip of the year, this time for YR11 to Thorpe Park. Mr Hemsley, Ms Armer and Mr Freeman were joined by YR11 students with excellent attendance on the long-awaited trip to the theme park, which has just reopened for the spring.

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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.

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

March 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
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
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
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

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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	Organization 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 i.e. effort with classwork and contributions
Megan Thompson	Excellent contributions and well presented classwork
Sara Stanciu	For welcoming the Year 6s
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)
Isabelle Gradley Wilson	Amazing Improvement throughout the year in PE!

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:

- Paul Hannaford assembly **18th April**
- New Frontiers **29th April**

CAREERS:

Welling School celebrated the Annual National Careers Week by holding a Lunchtime Careers Cafe, where year 9 students could have a one to one discussion with a year 11 student, to get a first hand idea of what it is like studying each of the GCSE subjects that we offer at KS4.

During the National Careers Week Year 12 and 13 students also had the opportunity of meeting university ambassadors from Canterbury, Greenwich and Goldsmith University to answer student questions ranging from the benefits of applying to university to what it's like living on a university campus.

London Ambulance Service came to present to the year 9, 10 and 12 students during National Careers Week, on the different careers available in their industry ranging from Control staff who handle emergency calls to Fleet staff who work in areas such as Information Management and Technology and Press & Communications. Students got the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the assembly and were amazed to learn that at peak times London Ambulance Service can answer up to 6,000 calls a day! The students were also delighted to hear about the apprenticeship routes that were offered by the London Ambulance Service.

Our year 12 and 13 students also received a presentation from the Visionpath organisation. This was an opportunity for our year 12 and 13 students to speak to a representative from VisionPath for an apprenticeship placement.

Our current head boy Ben Saywell took this opportunity last year and has just been offered an apprenticeship with BRITs Insurance apprenticeship programme with a great starting salary, starting in September.

