

In the Month of September 2024

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

We visited...

Herne Bay Geography Field trip - year 11

Danson Park Kayaking - Year 7

Marchants Hill PGL trip - Year 9

Assemblies covered...

Positive Thinking Day

The importance of good attendance

European Day of Languages

Extra Curricular Highlights...

Jack and the Beanstalk auditions - more than 50 students have been cast in the Christmas panto.

APD Welling Football Academy...

We are very excited to introduce our Welling Football Academy Programme to the Sixth form. We have partnered with APD (advance Player Development) who have trialled, recruited and organised a summer of pre season training for the team. The squad represent Welling School in the U18 Kent School's League and National Cup. APD support our players. Rather than a Football Academy run by a specific club, APD has the ability to help players be seen by a range of clubs. The aim is to prioritise the players needs and interests. Our Coach is Joe Tennent (UEFA Licensed). The squad trains 3x times a week, with Wednesday being match day. Each week the players benefit from individual and team match analysis. An international tour and show games against premiersip clubs are being planned for later in the season. With two league games already played and won....This will be a very exciting season!



2024/25 SEASON FIXTURE LIST		
WELLING SCHOOL		
ACADEMIES LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP NORTH		
SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH
10TH SEPTEMBER - HALLEY ACADEMY (A) 25TH SEPTEMBER - HARRIS ACADEMY FALCONWOOD (H)	4TH DECEMBER - VICTORY ACADEMY (A) 11TH DECEMBER - TBC (H) 18TH DECEMBER - BEZLEYHEATH ACADEMY (A)	5TH MARCH - NORTHFLEET TC (H) 12TH MARCH - RAVENSBOURNE SCHOOL (A) 19TH MARCH - RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL (H) 26TH MARCH - THE VICTORY ACADEMY (A)
OCTOBER	JANUARY	APRIL
2ND OCTOBER - HARRIS ACADEMY ORPINGTON (A) 16TH OCTOBER - LEIGH ACADEMY HUGH CHRISTIE (H)	15TH JANUARY - CLEEVE PARK SCHOOL (H) 22ND JANUARY - CLEEVE PARK SCHOOL (A) 29TH JANUARY - HALLEY ACADEMY (H)	2ND APRIL - TBC (A) 23RD APRIL - BEZLEYHEATH ACADEMY (H)
NOVEMBER	FEBRUARY	NOTE: MORE FIXTURES MAY BE ADDED DUE TO THE CUP AS SOON AS WE KNOW WE WILL PASS THIS INFO ON.
6TH NOVEMBER - NORTHFLEET TC (A) 20TH NOVEMBER - RAVENSBOURNE SCHOOL (H) 27TH NOVEMBER - RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL (A)	5TH FEBRUARY - HARRIS ACADEMY FALCONWOOD (A) 12TH FEBRUARY - HARRIS ACADEMY ORPINGTON (H) 26TH FEBRUARY - LEIGH ACADEMY HUGH CHRISTIE (A)	



Year 11 ATL

Year 11 has started really positively, with students showing a great attitude to learning. This has been evident in our after school interventions, with 70% of the year group attending these interventions and it hasn't stopped there, as we have launched Saturday school interventions which are for targeted groups and again they have been well attended.

In preparation for our silver, gold and actually GCSE the English department has invited the Globe theatre company to come and perform live shows to our Year 11s and support them on their journey. The Year 11s were exceptionally well behaved and did a fantastic job of representing Welling school.

On Thursday 26th September we held a Year 11 preparation evening for GCSE. We had over 100 families attend the evening, sharing important information for the year ahead.

Year 10 ATL

Year 10s have settled well into their first month as GCSE students. It has been lovely to speak and observe to a range of students enjoying their option subjects and how they feel more mature and focused now that they have transitioned to Key Stage 4.

Year 9 ATL

Our year 9s had a fabulous 3 day residential at the Marchants Hill PGL. They took part in many fabulous activities including rifle shooting, abseiling, bushcraft and climbing the very scary, 'Jacob's Ladder'! Our pupils were in great form and contributed positively, not only to the challenges - but to meal times and down time with staff. They were also in great voice, joining in with songs around the nighttime campfire - complete with marshmallows roasted over the fire! Well done to all involved! Mr Collins

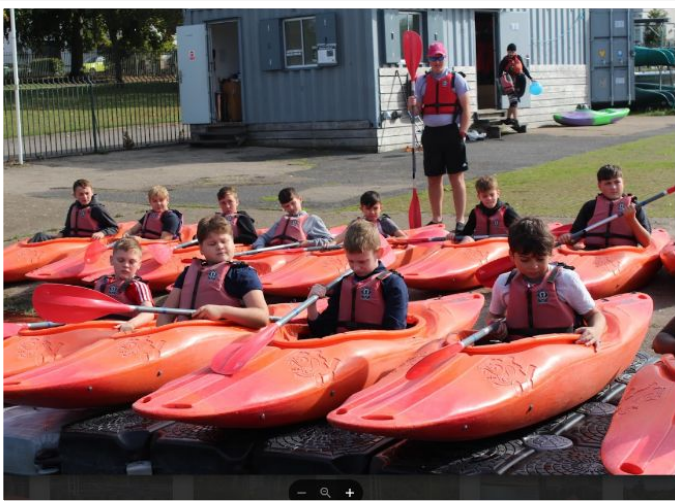


Year 8 ATL

As part of the school's personal development programme, which aims to support our students to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to prepare them for their next steps after school, students have volunteered to be student receptionists. The role requires students to assist the office, pastoral and teaching staff to support the rest of the school body by completing a variety of jobs.

Year 7 ATL

As part of the year 7 transition from primary to secondary school students attended a day kayaking and bell boating with their tutor groups. This trip was a great success with a 115 students taking part out of 135. This enabled students to experience something new outside of the classroom and forge friendships in a new environment.



Our Welling Mathematicians have made a flying start to the 2024/25 year. With record numbers signing up to study A-Level maths and our Year 11s already in full swing filling up extra intervention sessions. At Key Stage 3 we are integrating games from the esteemed Count On Us challenge. It seems Hedgehog has been a real favourite. See photo below. We can also confirm that adolescent minds are certainly quicker and more accurate at calculating to 24 than their teacher leaders.

In Science Year 7s have been exploring the topic of investigative skills and have been learning about different aspects of the scientific method such as forming a hypothesis, safely carrying out practicals and making accurate notes of their results. They have done practicals such as dissolving jelly, lighting a Bunsen burner and using microscopes.

Year 11 students have returned with renewed motivation and focus to do well in their exam and are now preparing for their Silver mocks. Our TKAT lead practitioner ran a session for 60+ students on exam techniques focusing on the required practicals.

The department is also celebrating a record number of students that have signed up for A level Biology and A level Chemistry.

In Drama Year 7 have been looking at the origins of theatre and theatre today, with tasks to go out and do some research into their local theatres. The quality of work has been very high - with short performances from 'Matilda' this week as their assessments. Year 8 have been studying 'Blood Brothers', and Year 9 have been looking at plays by Playwrights of the Global Majority. Tickets for trips to see 'Hamilton' and 'Dear England' have been booked in. We currently have the biggest Drama GCSE Year 10 class we have had in years - mostly boys, which is a plus - and the talent in the room is already very exciting. The panto - 'Jack and the Beanstalk' - has been cast with students from every year group taking part. Tickets will be on sale early next term.

This year has started off brilliantly within the music department. We've been quite busy hosting our "Music Scholar" club which seems to have the biggest number of students in attendance yet! The club which takes place during break and lunchtime daily has seen a wide range of students from rappers to pianists practising and perfecting their craft.

Our "Choir Club" has taken off with a range of members from year 7's to sixth form students attending; we have some big plans for the choir so please watch this space! With the sad departure of some of our year 11 students who have now started after school intervention, our "Band Club" has seen some new faces join our group, and some old faces taking on new roles in the band; things are getting quite exciting!



September has seen the launch of our Dance curriculum for Year 7, 8 and 9. All students have a weekly 1 hour session, before we expand further next year to offer GCSE Dance as an option.

Year 7 dancers have been exploring Fundamentals through the theme of super heroes, all students have shown incredible energy and commitment to this new subject. The students have commented that the dance classes have helped them to get to know their new classmates and to build new friendships.

Year 8 and Year 9 have been studying 'The Origins of Street Dance', exploring break dancing, commercial and voguing so far! A highlight has been the electric dance battles held by the Year 9 boys and the collaboration and teamwork in all classes, students have encouraged and motivated each other.

Olivier in Year 9 and Delight in Year 8 were the winners of the Golden Tickets in Dance, for showing so much determination and focus in class.

We have also launched our first ever dance company, Relevé who meet every Thursday after school, in the very first session we made a lyrical contemporary piece to show to the Year 6 families. The dancers were incredible and it is clear that a welcoming community of dancers is already forming here at Welling. The dance company runs every Thursday and everyone is welcome to join. We have kicked off our preparation for our school Panto, choreographing the open number, a very catchy song which we have been singing over and over again! In the next few weeks we will be planning some exciting theatre trips and professional workshops, so watch this space!

A special thank you to all the students who have made our first few weeks at Welling so incredibly fun.

Mrs White and Miss Thompson



The Art Department have kicked off the new school year with a new project called **'The Berwick Collective'** Y10, Y12 and Art club have started to create work to a given theme. This year's theme is 'Our World, Our Future'. All work will be showcased in an exhibition the last week of December where an Artist will be coming to pick a winner. Any recycling is welcomed for us to turn into masterpieces, so please donate!

Year 11 have kick started their final year with new projects. Fine Art and Photographer have been given the theme of 'Carnival and Celebrations' and Graphics are exploring branding their shops they designed in Y10. All groups are working hard towards their 'Silver Mock' the first week back after half term!



In English The year 11s have returned with a developed ambition and focus to show they are ready to achieve this year. To help support this, a targeted selection of students took part in a 2 hour revision session to support the preparation of the upcoming Silver Mocks. Led by Ms Mayo, TKAT Lead Practitioner, the students practised planning and preparing literature essays.

Also to support the year 11s, The Globe Players Theatre Company visited our school to perform An Inspector Calls. Their performance gave the students the opportunity to revise the characters, themes and plots as well as recall key quotations and context; all whilst enjoying the performance.

The year 10s started a brand new Media Studies GCSE this academic year. To help the students get to grips with the vast amount of terminology needed for this course, we participated in an online session run by the BFI (British Film Institute). The session proved to be both insightful and supportive for students and teachers alike.





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OPEN EVENING / EVENTS - 2024

OPEN EVENING	TASTER SESSIONS	THE ARTS SHOWCASE
THURSDAY 12th September, 2024	SATURDAY 28th September, 2024	WEDNESDAY 2nd October, 2024
TIMES 4:00PM - 7:00PM	TIMES 9:30AM - 11:45AM	TIMES 4:00PM - 6:00PM
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OPEN MORNINGS - 16.09.24 - 27.09.24 - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9:00AM TO 10:30AM
TO BOOK AN OPEN MORNING TOUR, PLEASE EMAIL OFFICE@WELLINGSCHOOL-TKAT.ORG
ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN CALL US ON 0208 3048531

Wow, what a start to term 1. From parents evenings to grammar style taster sessions on a Saturday, this term has had it all! This term has seen us run an incredible 16 events which were all unbelievably successful.

Perhaps the biggest of them all were our inaugural trilogy of opening evening events. For the first time ever, Welling school welcomed parents from our local primary schools for a variety of bespoke experiences which included:

- OPEN EVENINGS
- SATURDAY TASTER SESSIONS
- THE ARTS SHOWCASE

All of the events were hugely successful and were a true celebration of what life is like as a Welling student.

Other events that the school have run this term have been the Y10 and Y11 information evenings. These were very well attended and gave us the opportunity to discuss future plans with parents for students at Welling. We were also welcomed by St Thomas More to host a stand for our ever growing and successful sixth form.

Here are some photos from some of these events:



European Day of Languages is celebrated on 26 September across Europe. It is a day where we celebrate the different languages and cultures of Europe.

At Welling School we have a week of celebrations with assemblies to showcase and celebrate the different languages within our school community with quizzes, prizes and students sharing their languages.

The highlight of the celebration is the annual Year 9 Football match on 26 September. Last year it was France v Spain with Spain victorious! This year it was Spain v Latin America. The match was hard fought with the students playing as players such as Rodri, Messi, Neymar and Nico Williams. Supporters of both side crowded around the pitch and it was a raucous match with lots of flag waving and chanting! With Spain coming from behind to score an equaliser to make the score 1-1. Congratulations to both teams on a stunning game and Year 8 start planning for your participation next year!

In PE our Football Fixtures are:


Year 9 Vs St Pauls - 2-3
Year 10 vs RGTS 2-1
Year 8 vs St Thomas - 1-1 (4-5 pens)
Year 8 vs Thomas Tallis



Aspire have made a great start to the year. Year 7 have been swimming weekly, and made real progress in the pool. Alongside, practising their reading and SPAG skilled in guided reading. Year 8 have been working hard on their speech writing skills, with a real emphasis on reading to the class. Last , but not least, Year 9 have done an amazing job organising and clearing the wellbeing garden behind the PE block. They have worked together to deconstruct, organise and create a wonderful place. Keep up the great work!

Students from our Ready Steady Cook! Club made delicious fruit kebabs for visitors to the Arts showcase event. Visitors commented on the wonderful food and the quality of performances. Thank you to all of the students who participated.



<p>Knowledge Organisers at Welling School- Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KO is a one-stop shop for all the core knowledge for each topic • Providing frequent opportunities to retrieve knowledge • Making core knowledge accessible and readily available • Aiding in long term memory and improving independent learning skills 	<p>How to use KO for homework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For all Ebacc subjects KO for each term are glued/stuck in student books • Once a week the teacher will set a homework task linked with the KO • This should be recorded in student planners • Students are required to complete this task at home using the KO 	<p>How to use KO in lessons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Ebacc subjects to encourage students to use their KO during knowledge retrieval tasks • Encourage students to use their KO during deliberate practice • Students should be guided to use the KOs for revision leading up to end of topic tests and other assessments
<p>How to record student engagement with KO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All KS3 teachers will be provided with a spreadsheet to log weekly homework task engagement • Teachers should endeavour to reward students for completing KO linked homework on a weekly basis 	 <p>KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS</p>	<p>What happens if students fail to complete the KO linked homework task</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 minutes detention in the first instance • 60 minutes detention if homework not completed second time around • Classroom teacher to contact home if their is persistently failure to complete homework
<p>Knowledge organisers in non-Ebacc subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS3 assessments booklets 	<p>How to Share KO with parents/carers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via student planners • Via the school website 	<p>Where to find KO and linked homework tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All knowledge organisers can be accessed via the department/faculty drives • All knowledge organisers can be accessed via the school website

Knowledge Organisers (KO)

Knowledge organisers are no more than 2 sides of A4 that contain key facts and information that students need to have for a basic understanding of the topic. The main benefit is giving the student the 'bigger picture' of the topic. Research shows that our brain remembers things more efficiently when we can see the bigger picture and know how it is linked together, building our long term memory. The educational research supports that the knowledge organisers is a base and is used weekly to help students make the next step to providing more deeper, developed analysis.

In KS3, homework tasks have been created to be completed each week to ensure students are using the subject knowledge organiser.

Year 12s

Year 12 Business Students are currently exploring Crook Log Leisure Centre and the customer service provided by the Leisure Centre, as they embark on their first piece of coursework. They have made an impressive start with some students already submitting the first three tasks.

Furthermore, the Year 12s are also looking at 'Stakeholders,' A stakeholder is anyone who has an interest in a business - so for Welling School that includes 'all of you - the students.'

Year 10s

Battle of The Cars Brands

Students from one of the Year 10 Business classes took part in a competitive quiz where the prize was 'chocolates.'

The Quiz was based on: Why and How business ideas come about and the risks and rewards for starting a business.

Congratulations to the Mercedes Team:

David Munteanu, Tomas Sciuplys, Argjend Lala and Tony Reale who clinched the top spot with the Bonus Question.

Well Done to the Runners Up- the Rolls Royce Team:

Jack Devine, Laila Mohamed, Tara Sivanesan, Bobby Merton, Joshua Wilson and George Heath.

Year 10s have also been researching their favourite entrepreneurs and looking at the qualities they have which make them successful and admired.

Which entrepreneur do you look up to? Which characteristics and qualities do they have which makes them successful?

In PSCE Year 7 students have been focusing on settling in and focusing on who their support systems are throughout the school and how to manage transitions.

Year 8 - 10 and year 12 have been focusing on their health and wellbeing, including the importance of sleep, managing anger and healthy body images

Year 11 have been focusing on post 16 options and potential careers, including writing applications and goal settings and year 13 have been doing the same for post 18, focusing on apprenticeships, university and personal statements.

All students are working well and lots of potential workshops and guest speakers are being contacted for our students across the year.

The year 10's have made a great start in child development - we have been looking at the different areas of a child's development and how toys are targeted and support these areas. Students needed to work in groups to design their own toy to target supporting developing a child holistically. They are going to deliver their presentations to the class at the end of term. This week we have also begun the nature vs nurture debate.

Year 11 have been working hard in revision for their upcoming silver mocks and NEA which will be starting soon!

6th form are settling in well and taking pride in their work. New exam/coursework units have begun and students are showing determination to start off the year well.

September saw large numbers of students opt to study Social Science subjects in Year 12, with an amazing 27 students taking Level 3 Criminology, and numbers nearly as high for A Level Psychology and A Level Sociology. It's great that these courses are proving so popular. We hope all our new social scientists enjoy their learning journey over the next couple of years!

Students had a series of assemblies delivered by Mr Hemsley on the importance of good attendance. Amongst other things, we explored the close link between attendance and exam results, and looked at why attendance below 90% is typically so destructive to students' chances of exam success. Students explored the other benefits of good attendance, including the important role that a regular daily routine plays in maintaining good mental health. Students were also reminded of the prizes up for grabs this year for those with excellent and/or vastly improved attendance.

Fantastic to see our students participating in personal development activities... football, school production, PGL trip and more!!!

Students have started a range of interventions to support their wellbeing and encourage positive behaviour in and around the school.

Student highlights: Harley Bishop, Y8, has been selected to participate in a boxing event called King Of The Rings, which will take place in Sweden in October. This is a great opportunity and massive achievement for Harley and something he is extremely proud of. His core focus in school is to use the skills taught in boxing such as resilience, perseverance and determination to be the best he can be.

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

September 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
Isabella Owen	Exceptional answer to a very difficult question
Ryan Wisher	Excellent work and effort all week
Grace Anderson	Worked collaboratively in a team
Dean Barden	Brilliant lessons all week. Superb effort
Zahra Al-Anizi	Helping with books
Mason Holland	Excellent work in English for the GCSE pass.
Lilac Gardiner-Brown	Helping a younger student access the curriculum
Jake Grogan	Showing great enthusiasm in Maths and keenly answering questions
Lauren Best	Brilliant speech at open evening
Robyn Bingham	Fantastic work and answers every lesson
Mariam Bako	Work to her best ability with 6th formers making good progress
Tina Sikorska	Amazing effort in PE recently and a great help in open evening
Hollie Wooten	Amazing help on open evening
Sarah Jane Stremtan	Amazing help on open evening
Lilac Gardiner-Brown	Supporting younger students with writing in her own time
Emily Kane	For being selected to represent Great Britain in Ju-Jitsu
Emma Buklyte	Supporting younger students with their writing in her own time
Lilly Laurel	Supporting younger students with their writing in her own time
Laila Cusse	Great work on the Geography trip. Showed resilience and a great attitude
Oscar Price	Came to tutor even though all of his tutor group are on a trip
Scarlet Cloke	Presenting Unifrog Tasks to her tutor group
Francesca Parboo	The most outstanding book work presentation in Maths
Brook Gibb	Excellent effort in lesson. Amazing homework and helping peers with work
Laila Cusse	Laila went the aid of a member of the public who tripped and fell at the shops outside school, helping him to his feet
Dolapo Sokoya	Excellent attitude to work. Impressive behaviour
Robin Woodgate	Great job conducting fitness tests

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

NAME	REASON
Albie Wickens	Albie led the class with an explanation of how to use the grammar grid on the knowledge organiser
Paulie Danskin	Great job conducting fitness tests
Tasbir Tahsan	Amazing work
Jack Clarke	Being helpful during PE helping set up and gather equipment
Kennie Lancaster	Kennie showed exceptional analytical skills in working out the present tense grammar
Zac Odunfa	Fantastic work in Maths every lesson
Subhan Akbari	Leadership courage to teach the class
Harrison Adike	Exemplary courage in delivering speech at open evening.
Josie Florence-Fitzhugh	For being very helpful
Delight Olorunfemi	Being a role in Dance and for her energy in Dance classes
Besjana Islamaj	Excellent business homework excellent start to business
Ray Newman	Resilience - trying a hard task even when didnt know about it
Penny Gibbs	Smashed countdown
Kareem Solanki	Assisting and helping someone in need outside school
Jack Stannard	Helping to carry boxes
L-Jay Sadik-Davis	Correctly solving very complicated A level chemistry question
Billy Levitt	Exceptional work in Maths
Kennie Lancaster	Excellent work and attitude to learning
Josh Kelliher	Reading aloud in class and working hard in every lesson
Aleksander Rzemieniewski	Fibonacci sequence to 21 million
Louis Bailey	Excellent work and attitude to learning
Noah Sillince	Consistently delivering excellent effort
Jacob Okubadejo	For offering to help Miss Moore to clear away materials in Art
Oscar Hickson	For kindness offering to shar his food tech cookies
Teddy Crawford	Great behaviour and engagement
Finley	Exceptional work effort and helping out
Ruby	Great learning, amazing writing
Edoardo Mirdita	Helping in an emergency