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Autumn Term Newsletter  
September 2014

Welcome to the Autumn Term Newsletter which acknowledges and celebrates some of the wonderful events, activities and successes of our students during the Summer Term of 2014.

Performing at the Awards Evening, Bridgewater Hall



A Levels Results Day



'WOW' Magazine team reward trip to Media City



Sports Awards Evening

Staff v 6th Form Netball



GCSE Results Day



Year 7 Cricket team, Trafford League Runners Up



# Welcome

A warm welcome to you all and especially our new Year 7s and their families as we embrace the 'new year' ahead of us.

I hope everyone feels suitably refreshed and revitalised by the Summer break, although by the time this termly newsletter is published, we will already be a few weeks into the new term. If you haven't discovered it yet, my weekly bulletin on the website gives an up-to-date account of life at Wellington, so it will fill those 'empty' weeks between newsletters.

This newsletter is a celebration of last term, Summer Term 2014 and I'm sure you would agree that once again, the students and staff have excelled themselves. I said it last year, and I will say it again this year – I am enormously proud of all the 'achievements' we witness each and every day and am appreciative of the commitment of staff and the support of you, our parents. This newsletter merely provides you with a flavour of those 'achievements'.

Speaking of achievements...



GCSE Results Day



A Level Results Day

### Examination Results

At GCSE, we are celebrating record results for our Year 11 cohort. In total, 74% achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C including English and Maths, a figure that will be far

in excess of national averages and will doubtless surpass similar schools nationally.

At A Level we celebrate a rise in the number of students achieving the very top grades and once again, every student who has applied to university has gained a place, with the vast majority achieving their first choice.

These results reflect the hard work and commitment of students and staff, ably supported of course, by parents. I am delighted that the class of 2014 have taken advantage of the opportunities presented to them at Wellington and they have worked with an exceptional group of teachers to produce these excellent results. You can see photos of some of our superstar students on the front cover and here.

### Staffing News

At the start of this term we welcomed some new 'faces' to Team Wellington; in the Science Department, we are joined by Mr Pilgrim, Miss Power (also teaching Maths), Miss Tan, Mrs Shiells, Miss Tyrer and Mrs Vickers; in Maths, we welcome Mrs Golden, Miss Latham, Miss Dalton and Miss Cradick. Mr Harrison joins the REP Department; Mrs Ramsumair MFL; Miss Carter DT and Miss Darlington, Music. To the support staff, we welcome Mrs Warburton (Pastoral Manager), Mrs Griffiths (Pupil Support Assistant), Miss Hicks (Teacher Support Assistant), Mrs Soldiew and Mrs Wood (Classroom Assistants) and Miss Spencer, Art and DT Technician.

We warmly welcome all our new colleagues and wish them a happy and successful time (of whatever duration) at Wellington.

Congratulations to two newly-weds; Miss Seaston returned as Mrs Sheehan and Miss McEnroe who also tied the knot over the holiday but has chosen to remain as...Miss McEnroe. We also send congratulations to Mrs Johnson (Music) who is now the proud mum to Emmett (not forgetting William also), and we wait to hear news from Mrs Lewis (Maths).

### Building Work

Improvement and upgrading of the site continued over the Summer holidays. Work had already begun before the end of term on completely renovating and refitting the 3 ICT suites. These are now complete and offer a superb teaching and learning base for staff and students alike. Refurbishment of the staff toilets and a major redecorating programme for the Vale Building have been completed; new blinds for some Vale classrooms fitted; landscaping around the all-weather pitch; a storage container on the all weather pitch for equipment and much more besides. Busy times indeed and evidence of the investment designed to improve the School environment further for the benefit of all.

As one walks round the site, it is impossible not to feel a sense of pride in what we have here at Wellington and we will be making sure that students continue to respect what we provide for them.

### Open Morning

Our Open Morning in June saw a record number of visitors through the doors. Every department in the School was represented, creating displays and providing interactive activities and demonstrations for our visitors, predominantly Year 5 students from local primary schools and their parents. We received some wonderful feedback, not least many compliments about the enthusiasm of the student helpers and tour guides and the friendliness of the staff. A huge well done and thank you to everyone who made it such a successful and enjoyable morning.

For those who may have younger children looking for entrance in September 2016 - a date for your diary, Saturday 20th June 2015, our next Open Morning!

## Alan Gibbons 1928 – 2014



Sadly we report the death of Alan Gibbons who was a Governor of Wellington School. In fact, Alan's association with Wellington dates back to the opening of the School in 1938 when he was one of the first pupils of Wellington Boys' School.

On leaving School, Alan served his apprenticeship in the plumbing trade and became one of Altrincham's most successful businessmen in the building industry. Alan's company worked on many notable projects in the North West including the extension to Manchester Airport's runway and numerous domestic builds in the Altrincham and Hale area.

Alan became a Governor of Wellington Girls' School as his daughter was a pupil. On merger of



Performing at the Awards Evening, Bridgewater Hall

### Awards Evening at the Bridgewater Hall

Awards Evening towards the end of summer term is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year. Our talented students, whether they were award winners, speakers, choristers or musicians, all did a fantastic job and were yet again an absolute credit to themselves, their families and the School. We were delighted that Jenny McAlpine and her dad, Tom, were able to join us to present the awards and receive the cheque for £30,000 on behalf of 'Moodswings', the proceeds from the Sponsored Walk earlier in the year. The gratitude of Jenny and her dad, Tom, was clear for all to see. There was a great variety of musical items this year, befitting the

75th Anniversary celebrations, and I particularly enjoyed the "Evolution of Music" medley performed by the Chamber Choir; it was some feat to learn all those songs.

Anyway, more than enough from me, so, 'happy new year!' and I'm sure it will be as exciting, emotional and rewarding as always. Enjoy the newsletter.

S P Beeley  
Headteacher



Joseph receiving 'The Alan Gibbons Award' at the Bridgewater Hall, presented by Jenny McAlpine

the Girls' and Boys' Schools in 1989, Alan became a Governor of the co-educational Wellington School and continued in that role until his death last month. He was dedicated to the education of generations of Wellington School pupils and contributed enormously to the success of the School. His professional knowledge and expertise were invaluable in the development of the School site and he took great pride in Wellington's immaculate environment.

Recently Alan sponsored the Alan Gibbons Award, presented to the Year 9 pupil who has contributed most widely academically and to the fuller life of the School, a gesture which underscores Alan's commitment to education of young people in general, and to Wellington School pupils in particular.

On behalf of all involved with Wellington School, our best wishes go to Barbara, Alan's wife.

John Watson, Academy Executive Director

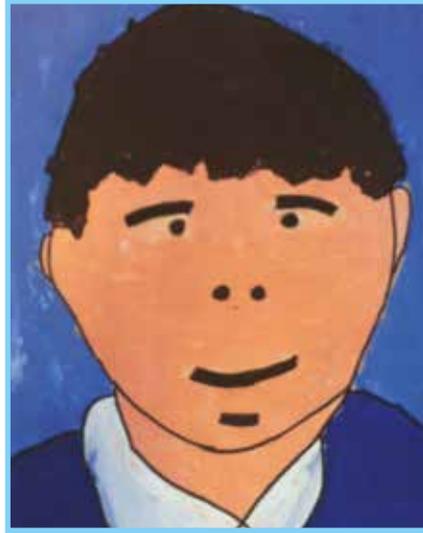


## Picture Perfect Portraits

Well done to 7.3a, 7.3b and 7.5a for their fantastic painted self portraits inspired by Julian Opie.

Each pupil worked extremely hard to create their 'selfies'; there are definitely some talented painters to watch in these groups!

Miss O'Malley



## Face to Face

Again 7.1B rocked their art project!

After exploring portraiture the pupils looked at the work of painter Alex Katz. Their planning was excellent and showed how they have developed their skills in composition, mixing colours and paint application.

The expressions they have captured in these self-portrait studies are wonderful.

As always I'm super impressed and will miss teaching this lovely lot!

Miss Grey



## Eye Spy

'Eye' can't believe how Year 7 have excelled themselves with these paintings!

The students had to complete studies of artists' portraits focusing on the section with the eyes. Well, I'm sure you'll agree how much their painting skills have come on, these are beautifully done and I was thrilled with the detail shown and care taken to show the artists style. Have you spotted the Picasso, Da Vinci and Warhol amongst them?

'Eye' am very proud of their pretty perfect peepers!

Miss Grey



## Brilliant Britto

Pop art, cubism and pattern – what can't this class do?!

A big well done to 7.5a for working hard on these Brazil tiles inspired by the Brazilian artist Romero Britto. The group put 110% effort in to their painting to make sure that it's just right, they know their top tips off by heart!

Miss O'Malley

# Viva Brazil!



## The Art department have gone Brazil mad!

Well done to everyone who took part in the football patch challenge! We had group work, individual designs and some technical pattern repeats in Key Stage 3 this summer. There are some excellent outcomes - the creative ideas were endless!

Miss O'Malley



## Player portraits

The England team may not have lasted long in this year's World Cup but 9.5's portraits are definitely winners.

The group looked at Brazilian illustrator Glauco Diogenes for inspiration and worked extremely hard to plan their pieces. Each pupil took their time to ensure that the drawings and paintwork were just as they wanted, true dedication – well done 9.5!

Miss O'Malley



## Football fashion

You may well have noticed it was all things Brazil in the Art department this term!

But haven't the pupils explored a huge variety of outcomes and techniques?

This work from 9.8 is no exception with Brazilian motifs and patterns decorating these well known brands. I think if Converse or Nike saw these designs they would be snapped up for a limited edition!

Miss Grey



## Brazil themed homework projects



This term we have gone all out and set all Key Stage 3 students Brazil themed homework projects.

Students were given a choice of project to complete including designing a poster for the World Cup, a logo for the Brazilian festival 'Blocos' and designing their own version of Brazil's very own Christ the Redeemer. Students have blown the Art Department away with their efforts producing some fantastic pieces of work. Mrs Gregory even got involved making her own version of Christ the Redeemer! Well done to all the students who took part, we are looking forward to putting all the work on display.

Miss Willingham



## Year 8 Beatriz Milhazes

With our Brazil theme in full swing, Year 8 has been studying the artist Beatriz Milhazes.

8-1A and 8-1C have produced mixed media transparent pieces inspired by the artist using collage and paint, students were even able to have a go at a technique using wax trapping. Their work will now all come together to create a giant mobile installation for the Art Department. Students should be proud of their work and I cannot wait to have it on display.

Miss Willingham

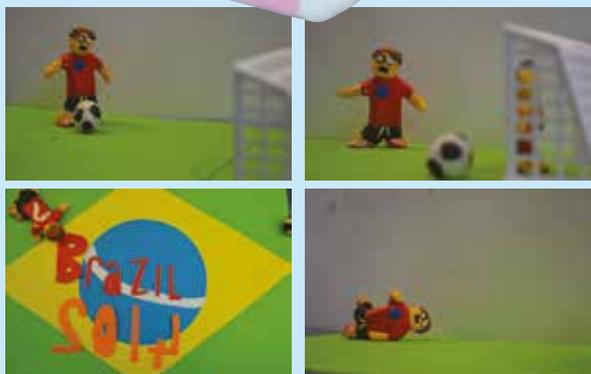


## Minhau

This term Year 7 have had the opportunity to pair up and complete their own Brazilian inspired graffiti characters

Students studied Brazilian graffiti artist Minhau's cat caricatures and in pairs came up with their own designs. Their final designs are super creative and students worked exceptionally well in pairs.

Miss Willingham



## Stop Motion Animation

Year 9 have had the opportunity to explore stop motion animation this term.

Students worked in groups to design their very own adverts for the Brazil World Cup. Using modelling clay and paper, students carefully prepped and planned their adverts making characters and backgrounds. All the students got involved with the project demonstrating excellent teamwork skills and their hard work paid off, their adverts are good enough to go straight to TV!

Miss Willingham

## Daniel Nyari

9.2 have produced their own football team this term.

Studying the Illustrator Daniel Nyari, 9.2 were set the challenge of producing their own giant cardboard players inspired by the artist. Working in pairs, they have produced a football dream team. Even after England were knocked out of the World Cup, students' enthusiasm and determination didn't falter and they carried on to produce fantastic characters.

Miss Willingham





## Welcome to the jungle

9.0 really got into the Amazon spirit with their Elizabeth St Hilaire Nelson inspired pieces.

The group challenged themselves to produce something a little more experimental, which resulted in some fantastic outcomes. These mixed media pieces were definitely worth the wait.

Miss O'Malley



## Creature feature

Year 8 looked deep into the Amazon to find these colourful creatures.

Well done 8.5A on your lovely Amazon illustrations. The group worked really hard to get their drawings just right and added their own pops of Brazilian colour.

Miss O'Malley



## Ton Schulten illustrations

Well done 8.1b for these stunning observational drawings.

8.1b finished their Ton Schulten project with these intricate London sky line observational studies. The group have mastered tone and shading using mark making to create some beautiful illustrations.

Miss O'Malley



## Fabulous Favelas

Continuing our theme celebrating all things Brazil, Key stage 3 made these very nice little favelas inspired by Brazilian patterns, wildlife and designs.

The work is highly coloured and well constructed, creating these creative 3D models which form part of a group piece which will be heading off to the LRC for display.

Well done Key Stage 3 classes!

Miss Grey



## Hot off the printing press!

8.2A's Brazilian poly printing workshop.

8.2A worked extremely hard in this fast paced project to produce some lovely relief prints. The group had two lessons to design and print their illustrations which resulted in these great outcomes. I was seriously impressed with the creativity and resilience that was shown – well done everyone.

Miss O'Malley



## "I'm ready for my close up"

Even the most confident members of 9.7 ended up nervous in front of the camera for their portraits.

The group studied David Maestre Gomez and his portraits in preparation for drawing their own. Once the initial shyness was forgotten, students worked fantastically to draw their portrait correctly and add tribal patterns.

Miss O'Malley

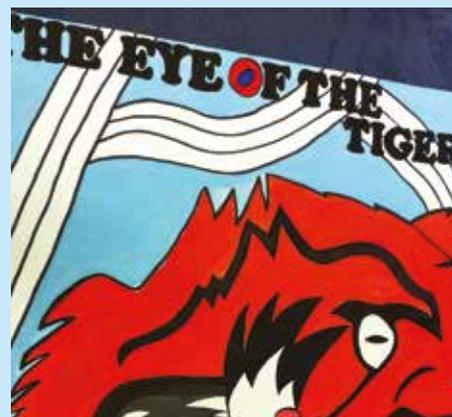


## The future's bright

The talented bunch that are 10C have completed another successful unit, proving that dedication truly pays off.

GCSE Art students have really pushed themselves this term to create truly original outcomes and portfolios. It's been great seeing the group gain confidence with their ideas and skills and I for one cannot wait to see what the next project brings! Well done everyone.

Miss O'Malley

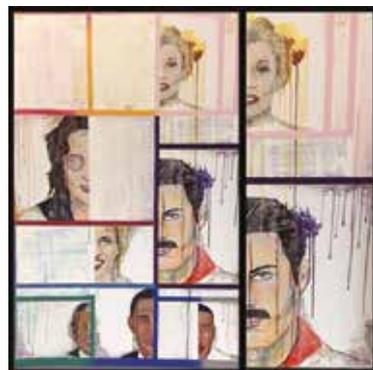


### A2 exams

After a hard slog practising and developing their skills, the exam arrived and the A2 Art group did not disappoint!

The work created in the 15 hour exam is a feast for the eyes, with work that shows extraordinary and creative responses to the exam paper themes.

The work included 'pick and mix' confectionery delights, 'my generation' saw students explore people, music and fashion, and contrasting responses to 'urban garden'.



The outcomes are varied and show the different styles and techniques the students have mastered.

Well done on such an accomplished set of work.

Miss Grey



### AS exams

Creative outcomes continue to come from the AS course.

Exam work reflected the style and technique of a number of artists and was very different in its outcomes. Cakes, moths and sealife to name a few.

The students are certainly showing off their skills and look ready to tackle the challenges of A2.

Well done and keep up the hard work!

Miss Grey

### Year 13

Well after the exams, the new Year 13 have already started work on their A2 coursework

As always the themes they are exploring are diverse including Indian culture, sealife, farms, flowers and the circus to name a few.

Focused drawing studies have been the starting point and I'm really pleased with these tonal pieces done in charcoal and paint with a focus on markmaking.

A great start, well done (new) Year 13!

Miss Grey



### Arty EAT

It started as an Open Morning activity, and has blossomed into a fabulous piece that is proudly on display in the Dining Room

Very much updating the 1970's penchant for a bit of string art, a whole host of Key Stage 3 students contributed to the creation of this piece

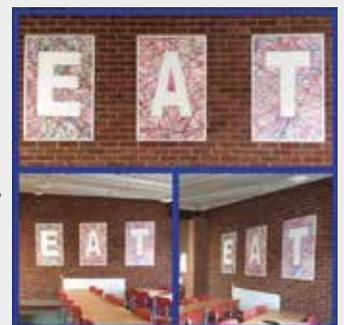
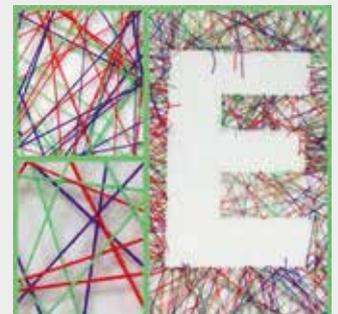
After a very noisy (VERY noisy) preparation period, (with Miss G having to resort to a nurofen!) hammering in the nails for the letter shapes and border, students were able to start adding the coloured string.

The colour combinations are proper bobby dazzlers and the students worked together brilliantly to ensure a balance and distribution of the materials so the negative space was clear and effectively showed off the letters.

Definitely can't be missed in the dining room where it has pride of place!

Well done to everyone who took part.

Miss Grey



## Photography Club

The services of Photography Club have been in great demand this term! Our 'paparazzi' have been kept busy by the variety of events that the School has held.

Kicking off with Sports Day, Photography Club documented every aspect of the event from the races to the audience participation. Following on from Sports Day, students have had the opportunity to photograph 'No Pens' days and the Primary School visits that have taken place. In between all the events, students have found the time to produce a beautiful project based on letters of the alphabet. This has made a beautiful display that has been admired by many people across School. Huge well done to Photography Club this year; you have been fantastic.

Miss Willingham

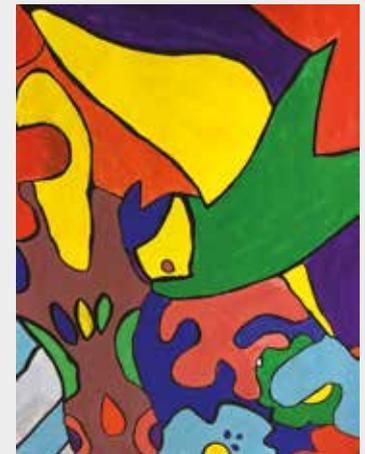
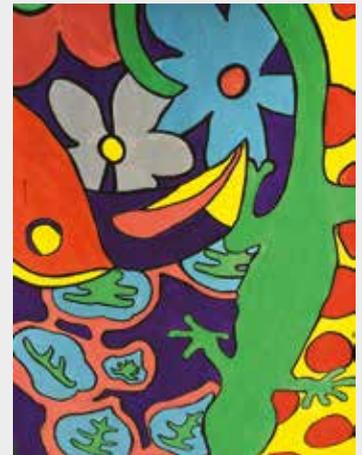


## Open Morning

A massive thank you to all those who contributed to make these lively paintings.

There were lots of volunteers to help out at this year's Open Morning which just goes to show how much Wellington pupils want to show off their school! The superstar helpers worked together to paint these large scale paintings which look at life in the Amazon - I can't wait to display them.

Miss O'Malley

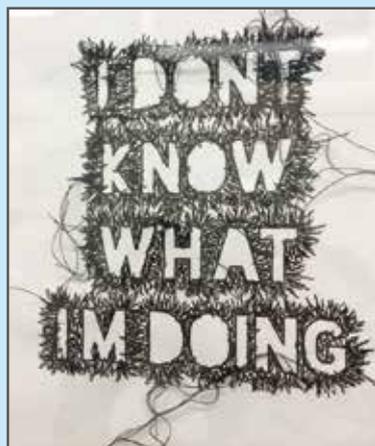
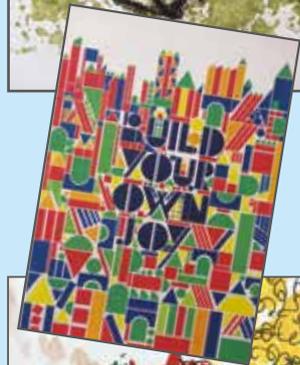


## MMU

In June, the Art and Technology Departments organised a trip with over 70 Year 10 students to see Manchester Metropolitan University's Annual Degree Show.

The trip was a huge success. Students were able to view work from a wide range of courses including Fashion, Photography, Fine Art and Illustration. We even got to see some of our ex-students work on display. Students finished the day feeling inspired and ready to get back to school to try out some of the ideas they had for their own work. The student's fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm were recognised by both the MMU staff and us. Well done Years 10 & 12!

Miss Willingham



## Primary visits

The Art department have been playing host to some creative visitors this term.

Year 5 pupils have taken part in a range of different art activities during the final weeks of term which has resulted in some outstanding

outcomes. From Matisse collages, exotic animals and zentangles galore!

It's always great seeing creativity starting at a young age!

Miss O'Malley and Miss Grey



## Year 7 Children's Party

Year 7 students have shown real creativity with their 'Children's Party' design brief.

Each class was placed into a group to plan a theme for their party as well as create a menu. They have shown real progression with their food skills as students were given the opportunity to improve a dish. All students challenged themselves and I'm sure you will agree these party themes reflect their hard work and enthusiasm.

Well done Year 7.

Miss Hudson



## Year 8 Italian 'Early Bird' Menu

Year 8 have shown fabulous teamwork and have developed many new skills over the last 10 weeks. They have made a selection of traditional Italian dishes such as garlic bread, pizza, pasta and tiramisu.

At the end of the rotation, pupils were placed into groups of 4 or 5 to complete a 4-course meal. I was impressed with their timing and organisational skills as most had prepared and chopped vegetables prior to the practical.

As you can see the pupils have also made a conscious effort with presentation skills, which meant their dishes not only tasted great but looked fabulous too.

Well done Year 8 and I hope your parents are enjoying sampling your cooking at home.

Miss Hudson



## Year 7 Textiles - Cushion Creations

Year 7 students have designed and made a range of animal cushions suitable for a young child aged up to 3 years old.

These decorative cushions have been produced using a range of hand and machine embroidery and appliqué.

I'm sure you will agree the cushions look fabulous – a roaring success (sorry)!!

Well done Year 7.

Mrs Booth



## Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh – Food Skills

6 Year 9 pupils who are working towards the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award have chosen food preparation as some of the skills they would like to learn to achieve their award.

The pupils involved have been attending after school for up to 2 hours each week. Pupils have created a variety of dishes both sweet and savoury. Each week new challenges have been set to extend existing skills as well as develop new ones. The pupils even made themselves a full English breakfast which they then ate before going home.

All involved have produced some mouth-watering dishes and should be proud of their achievements so far. The pupils have all been very dedicated and hardworking and it has been a pleasure to work with them towards this worthwhile award.

Mrs Ryan



## Year 9 Textiles

Year 9 have been busy producing decorative t-shirts.

The design brief challenged pupils to design and make a fashion t-shirt aimed at customers aged 11-18 years old. It needed to be colourful and include at least two types of decorative technique. To aid pupils a number of Youtube DIY t-shirt projects were shown and the various techniques demonstrated were in evidence on the final products. Those that completed the t-shirts also produced a small hand stitched fabric gift bag to put the finished t-shirt into. The items produced were of a very high standard and I'm sure the pupils would agree that they had lots of fun making them. Well done Year 9.

Mrs Ryan



## Year 9 Cultural Menu

Year 9s have worked in groups to develop new cooking skills and show off what they have learnt when cooking a 4-course meal using the theme of American or Mexican Cuisine.

I was impressed to see pupils cooking new dishes such as crab cakes, tacos & burritos in their 4-course meal. Their table decorations and logos for their restaurant looked wonderful.

I think BBC's Celebrity Master Chef has influenced many of the students as they presented their dishes using many of the methods shown on the programme.

Well-done Year 9.

Miss Hudson



## Year 9 Product Design

Year 9 have spent the last 10 weeks producing a prototype game design;

The challenge was to not only design and make the game, but also to devise the format to ensure it was:

- Suitable for children age 5+
- Included interactive 3D elements
- Incorporated a theme suitable for the audience
- Included instructions of how to play

Students developed their practical skills to produce the games from wood, manufactured board, plastic and card.

To evaluate each game students played each other's games to test them and then feedback to their peers.

A productive term Year 9, well done!

Mrs Booth, Mr Fletcher & Mr Travis



## GCSE Product Design

GCSE Product Design students have had a 'productive' year working extremely hard on their Controlled Assessment. They have been working on their brief to design an mp3 docking station inspired by the Memphis Design Group

Students have completed research and produced some outstanding and creative designs using Computer Aided Design facilities within the computer suite and we look forward to seeing these ideas come to fruition within the workshop next year.

Some brilliant work this year keep up the good work and we look forward to a successful Year 11.

Mr Fletcher and Mr Travis

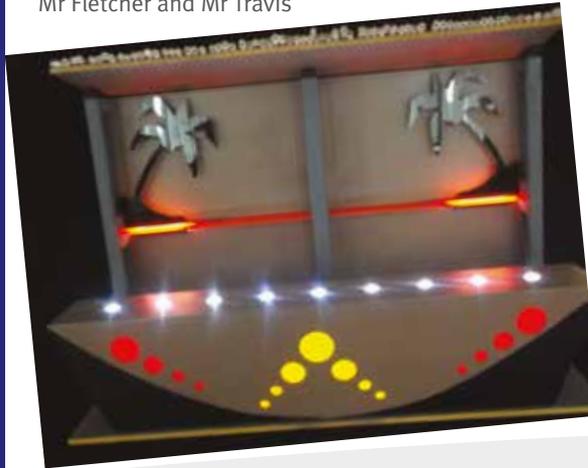
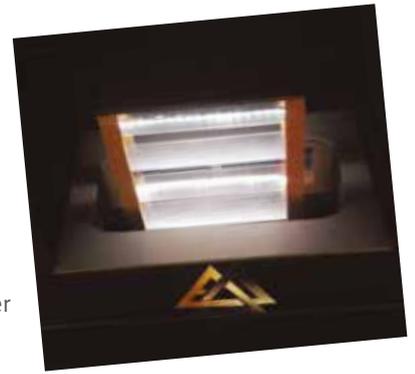
## A Level Product Design

The A level students have embarked on an ambitious and unique project this year, creating a scale version of a bar design. Each student chose a specific target market, theme and a location for their final concepts.

Students have worked extremely hard in the workshops to produce some impressive scale models complete with lighting and featured designs as well as the artwork and logo designs within the computer suite. As you can see some very professional and high quality work has been achieved.

Your hard work and effort will no doubt reflect in your results this summer and we wish them well with their further studies and careers away from Wellington next year, well done!

Mr Fletcher and Mr Travis



## Year 10 - GCSE Textiles Technology

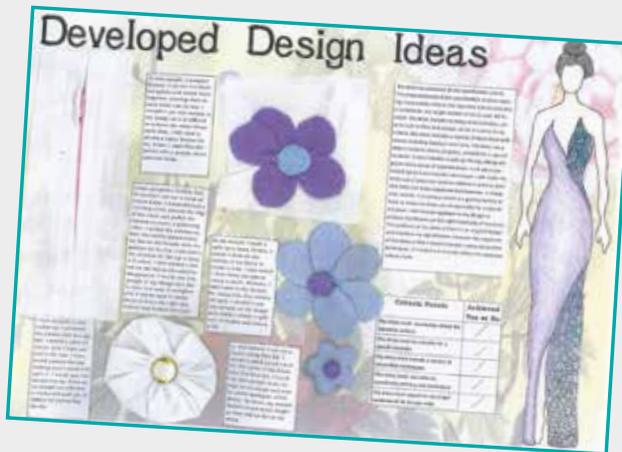
GCSE Textiles Technology students have been working extremely hard on their Controlled Assessment.

They have selected their project brief to design a fashion garment inspired by a different culture of the world or a unique child's fabric toy.

Students have completed comprehensive research and produced some outstanding designs and I am looking forward to seeing these ideas come to fruition.

Your hard work, effort and dedication hasn't gone unnoticed and I look forward to a successful Year 11.

Mrs Booth





## Year 7 No Pens Day, July 2014

This year saw the second annual Y7 No Pens Day which again allowed pupils to explore personal, social and global conflict and how it is best resolved.

Pupils spent the day working with their tutor groups on problem solving games in tutor time; exploring the cultural impact of Oktoberfest in MFL; role-playing bullying scenarios and solutions in English; playing global points games in PSHE and debating the problems that faced medieval villages in History.

The day was rounded-off in the Watson Hall with a plenary session with Miss Hitchens exploring what the pupils had learned through the medium of music and dance. 7KJS were this year's winners with special mention to Caithan Street-Larkin for his breakdancing! The whole event was captured by the fantastic Photography Club. Thanks to Hollie Marsland, Josh Wykes, Sam Blackburn and Phoebe Wetton for their help!

The final list of thanks goes to Miss Hoban, Miss O'Neill, Miss McEnroe, Miss Davison, Mrs Clarke, Miss Gill, Mr Williams and Miss Seaton for the fantastic lessons delivered and to Mrs Ryan and Miss Richards for organising PE and Food Tech activities during lunch.

Miss Hitchens



## WOW Magazine Media City Trip, July 2014

As a reward for the tireless efforts for WOW Magazine and the team's contribution to BBC School Report, their reward trip was to the CBBC Interactive Tour at Media City.

We were shown around by Liz and Lee who allowed the pupils to try their hand at presenting CBBC, reading the news on Newsround and also announcing the weather!

We also got to see where the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra perform, visit the BBC Sport studios and admire the Blue Peter garden. I was particularly happy to get a picture with the Tardis, while the pupils loved pretending to be Harry Potter with his invisibility cloak whilst using the weather screen!

Well done to the WOW team; you have been amazing all year round! Roll on September for next year's BBC School Report.

Miss Hitchens



## Geography praise postcards for Summer half term

Each half term the Geography Department issues two praise post cards per KS3 class. These are awarded for exceptional work and attitude that has been demonstrated within lessons or for outstanding homework.

### MR WHITAKER

7.1B:  
Eve Selwood-Metcalf  
Hannah Allen

7.4B:  
Macie Dworakowski  
Brandon Lane

8.4B:  
Ethan Carr  
Abigail Cox

9.3:  
Joshua Worrall  
Phoebe Wetton

9.6:  
Georgia Carr  
Joshua Shufflebotham

### MRS HARTE

7.1A:  
Natasha Cartmel  
Lauren Newton

7.2B:  
Ghazal Motazedian  
Lucy Beaumont

7.5A:  
Lucy Ryder  
Rebecca Wright

8.1C:  
Leah Moghmi  
Alexis Shearn

8.1B:  
Iman Ashraf  
Charlotte Pilcher

8.4A:  
Zaki Essabi  
Holly Johnson

9.2:  
Gen Hoy  
Angela Wisten

9.7:  
Toby Doughty  
Vernoika Karczavska

9.9:  
Josh McGinty  
Matt Yates

**Olivia Smith –  
Geographer of the month**

**A big congratulations to Olivia for an outstanding Year 10 mock examination result along with accurate and detailed classwork and homework throughout the summer term.**

### MISS ENGLISH

7.3B:  
Libby Nurse  
Reece Gaulton

8.3B:  
Rosie Barker  
Abehr Kutraj

9.0:  
Ewan Griffiths  
Esme Hassell-Thean

9.5:  
Callum Wardle  
Mikolaj Mars

### MR BAKER

7.2A:  
Francesca Wren  
Oliver Donnelly

7.4A:  
Daniel Addison  
Lily Avison-Hall

8.3A:  
Tom Spencer  
Harrison Arrowsmith

8.5A:  
Cody Wilson  
Arron Richardson

### MR SPEAKMAN

7.3A  
Maddy Daniels  
Louise Cross

8.1A:  
Eashah Abdulrab  
Tom Street

8.2A:  
Lewis Murphy  
Emily Parker

8.2B:  
Kathryn Chapman  
Eleona Ferizi

9.1:  
Emily Holland  
Samuel Blackburn

9.4  
Olivia Ignatowicz  
Megan Thomson

9.8  
Leon Cann  
Bayley Flynn

## Year 10: Geography Castleton fieldtrip

The Geography department took 78 Year 10 geographers to Castleton on the 27th July to investigate tourist impact and management on a Honeypot site.

All the students had a great day despite the only rainy day that month! Half the group surveyed the village through management provision mapping and questionnaires, while the other half of the group were guided by Mr Holt (the font of Castleton knowledge) on a walk out of Castleton where students took footpath erosion measurements and completed field sketches.



The only moaning was due to the amount of walking involved! The groups then swapped over for the afternoon session.

This data collection is essential for their Year 11 controlled assessment which starts in September.

Mr Whitaker

## Year 7: Geography Manchester Models

Year 7 have been investigating the Geography of Manchester over the past half term.

Having looked at the physical geography of the surrounding area, students then began to take a closer look at the human geography of Manchester. 7.2a spent a lesson creating fantastic three dimensional models of the city to show how the landscapes have changed over time. The investigation culminated in students creating some spectacular models of their favourite landmarks in Manchester which we will be assembling in the last week of term to make a Mega Model of Modern Manchester.

Mr Baker



## Year 8: Old Trafford Trip

In the summer term, we look at the World of Sport with Year 8 and students cover a range of different themes within this.

One of them is the impact sport has on global brands and whether wealth is linked to sporting success.

To support this module we visited Old Trafford Football Stadium – the home of Manchester United. The students get a guided tour of the stadium where they have the opportunity to go in the changing rooms, sit in the manager’s dug out and also see inside the press office.

They also have the chance to learn about the history of the club at the museum and they have a classroom session on how Manchester United is working with the both the local environment

and also nationally and globally. This session also allows students to ask a variety of questions including who they think should have got the manager’s job, to who do they think will score the most goals next season? (I think the final consensus was Robin Van Persie).

The Year 8s we took were all fantastically well behaved and they all arrived back incredibly excited – and that wasn’t just because of the sale in the Megastore!

Miss English



## Year 9 Geography No Pens Day

Year 9 were treated to a ‘no pens day’ in July.

One subject they experienced within this unique day was Geography. The activity involved a photograph identity activity regarding the development of countries. Then students worked in groups and had to produce shapes which were worth money. The groups had to trade between each other even though they started off with different resources. The aim was to identify that some countries are able to trade and become richer quicker than other countries due to initial advantages and trading laws that are created. Feedback from students was really positive.



## Kip on a Ship Trip 2014

At 9.00am on Sunday 15th June, 38 Year 9 pupils left Timperley for London with the History Department.

Our first stop was the London Eye, for some fantastic views of the city. Even though the weather was a bit cloudy the visibility was great and we got a bird's eye view of the Houses of Parliament, the River Thames and even Wembley Stadium in the distance. After this it was on to the London Dungeons for a journey through 1000 years of London's murky past. We visited a Medieval Torture Chamber where Adam Royle, Matt Heeran and even Mr Gerschler and Miss McEnroe experienced first-hand the brutal methods of torture used to extract confessions from suspected criminals! We also heard stories of Jack the Ripper, Sweeney Todd, the Great Plague and the Great Fire...by far the scariest part of the trip! Then to dinner at Planet Hollywood and onto the highlight of the trip, an overnight stay on the HMS Belfast. The Belfast was built in 1936 and served during WWII, being one of the first ships to open fire during the D-Day landings. We had the chance to sleep like the sailors and tour the ship...an experience brought to life by the stories our own naval expert and former Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, Mr Crane! On Monday morning, we had talks from the Imperial War Museum on the Belfast's role in D-Day. Our pupils had the chance to investigate objects used during D-Day and this brought the sacrifices made by those during the landings to life. A big well done to Callum Street-Larkin, Harry Sutcliffe, Bayley Flynn and Lucy Jones for volunteering to contribute to the talk. After all of this we were ready for one more attraction and we had time to visit the Churchill War Rooms, the wartime bunker that sheltered Churchill and his government during WWII. Sadly, it was time to leave but we still had the chance for one more sight...Mayor of London Boris Johnson getting off his bike on Oxford Street! Needless to say, he was very impressed to see pupils from Wellington School visiting his city and gave us all a big wave!



It really was a fantastic experience that was thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff. Thanks to Miss McEnroe, Mr Crane, Mrs Thomson and Mrs Haley for lending a hand too.

Mr Gerschler

## ICT News

### Year 8 Lego Mindstorms

As part of their programming work, Year 8 worked with the Lego Mindstorm robots.

The challenge was to plan and create a program which could take their robot from the start line, avoid the bin and land on the red splat landing pad. Sounds easy right? Not quite.

They had to measure the distances and work out how long to run the motors for in order to travel that distance. You can't just ask the robot to turn right... pupils had to use the correct instructions to turn on the motor that would turn the robot in the direction they needed to go; this took a bit of trial and error to perfect. One group accidentally programmed their robot to run both motors for over 25,000,000 seconds. If we'd left it going they would have been finishing Year 9 by the time it was through!! At approximately 14cm per second that would be 3,500Km (like walking to Canada).

To help them along and to record their progress, they video recorded their attempts. This enabled them to watch the clip back and identify where it went wrong. Did they run motor B instead of motor C? How many seconds did they use for a straight run? How far past the finish line did they land? Were 3 rotations enough for a right turn? I wish you could hear the groans if they didn't make it and the cheers when they did – watching the videos back was very entertaining. Listening in as pupils discussed their own programs, analysing as they went the success or otherwise of their work. Yasmine Jalali and Jasmine Spinks make a formidable pair; they completed both the challenge and the extension task in record time –well done girls!



In the following lessons pupils used the video footage and their video editing skills to make a short clip showing their different attempts, they added music and even sped up the clips to make them go quicker. They added text to these clips as well, describing where programs had been changed.

It was a fun series of lessons; I loved watching pupils working in teams, solving problems independently and enjoying themselves. Well done Year 8, you did brilliantly!

Mrs Cook

## Bastille Day

For Bastille Day, the MFL Department took nine Year 9 students to Heyes Lane Primary School in order to help Year 4 pupils complete French related activities.

When we arrived, we were split into 3 groups, each in a different classroom. We then introduced ourselves and helped the pupils complete Eiffel Tower collages using the materials they had brought in. Whilst there, we got the opportunity to talk to the Year 4s and encourage them to work well as a team (as it was a competition). It was a really enjoyable experience working with the younger pupils and when the final pieces came together they looked amazing. On behalf of the Year 9 students who attended, we would like to thank Miss Weeks for giving us this opportunity.

By Pheobe Barlow



## Cultural Projects

Every year Key Stage 3 students have to produce a project on the culture of a French, German or Spanish speaking country.

Each year the quality of the projects has got better and better and this year has been no exception. I have been absolutely blown away by the amazing projects that have been handed in - as have all the other members of staff and parents to whom I have been proudly showing off the work. This year many pupils have taken their research above and beyond anything we could have ever expected. Local recipes have been tried and tested, for example Sam Pegg made some delicious Austrian biscuits and Jess Grundy made some very tasty pretzels. Replicas of famous buildings have been created and famous music from the various countries has been appreciated. Eve Selwood – Metcalfe created an outstanding project, which was modelled on the Vienna State Opera House and even came complete with a music box playing Mozart. Kate Houghton made a traditional hat from the Black Forest region of Germany that I have thoroughly enjoyed wearing! Many of the projects came complete with souvenirs from the relevant countries and we have even had a piece of the Berlin wall to look at. The projects have been a real pleasure to read and all pupils should be extremely proud of the level of effort that went into their work and the fantastic quality of the final product. Well done everyone!

Miss Warburton



## International Day

On Thursday 17th July, Year 4 and Year 6 pupils from Well Green Primary School visited Wellington for an International Day.

We had 64 visitors and they were looked after by thirty Year 9 Wellington pupils who lead the activities and they were all absolutely amazing! Pupils from Well Green participated in six different activities throughout the morning. In their 'carousel', they were taught how to write in French handwriting and how to order food in German from the international café. They also learnt the words and actions to 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' in German, performed French dialogues with cuddly toys and learnt a Zumba routine! Who says that the pace slows down towards the end of term!?! A great morning was had by all and our Year 9 helpers were superb, a huge congratulations and thanks to them.

Miss Weeks



## Year 7 and 9 Visit to Boppard, Germany, July 2014

During our stay in Boppard, Germany we had a fun filled and informative trip.

On our first day we travelled to a beautiful, historical castle and we enjoyed a lovely tour telling us all about the different generations who had owned the castle and the changes that had taken place in it. Later that day we enjoyed a tranquil cruise on the river Rhein; our breath was taken away by the amazing sites around us. Our fun for the day wasn't over as we went to an old village called Rudesheim, where we had some free time to explore.

After a well-deserved night's sleep we went to a chocolate museum and saw how Lindt chocolate was made. Not only did we see some working machines we also saw some of the old packaging. After that we visited Cologne cathedral and had a personal tour around the beautiful interior before spending some time in the city. Everyone bought German accessories for the World Cup and after dinner we watched the final in the hotel and Germany won!! Wahoo!

By Jess Stamper



Whilst the Year 7s had free time in Cologne, the Year 9s went to a National Socialism museum, which taught us lots about the history of Cologne under the Nazis. Mr Ashworth took us around the museum telling us what all the facts meant as it was all in German (not that he speaks German). The museum truly showed us the most important parts of German history. There were pictures and interactive equipment throughout, which helped us to understand the German. We all now have a better understanding of the work we have done this year.

By Nancy Stewart

## MUSIC News

### Year 6 Instrumental Course

For the first time, we ran an instrumental course for the Year 6 students who have now joined us at Wellington at the start of September.

11 students attended the course and we had a range of different instruments including Drumkit, Guitar, Flute, Piano, Clarinet and Oboe! The standard of playing was excellent and students really worked well together on the 2 after-school sessions. There was a short performance for parents at the end of the second evening and I know that they were impressed with how much students had learnt and how well they played together – as was!! I cannot wait to see them integrate with our current students and I know the standard of Band this year will be higher than ever.

Mrs Johnson



### Bridgewater Hall

Another year, another astounding set of performances from our musicians at the Bridgewater Hall.

We are immensely proud of the work that our students put into the evening – and such varied performances too. Sing, Sing with 7s, Chamber Choir, Take 2, Emma Whitehead, Samba Band, our GCSE and A-Level Students and all of Year 7 receiving awards did an amazing job on the night – I know that the audience certainly enjoyed it so a big 'well done' from us!

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Moorhouse



### ABRSM Exams

On Monday 14th July we took Joe Cardoza, Kara Crees, Katy Allan, Angus Thompson and Lewis Murphy into Manchester to take their ABRSM exams. Then Emily Paulson, Sam Sparks and Emma Draine took their exams the following day! Here are their results:

- KARA CREES G2 CELLO MERIT
- KATY ALLAN G3 VIOLIN DISTINCTION
- KATY ALLAN G2 PIANO DISTINCTION
- ANGUS THOMPSON G2 VIOLIN MERIT
- LEWIS MURPHY G2 VIOLIN PASS
- JOE CARDOZA G2 VIOLIN MERIT
- EMMA DRAINEY G4 OBOE PASS
- SAM SPARKS G3 CELLO PASS
- EMILY PAULSON G3 FLUTE MERIT

Many congratulations

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Moorhouse

## Mathematics/MFL Roadshow, Altrincham Girls' Grammar School

Mrs Roe-Bennett took a group of Year 9 students to a Mathematics/MFL roadshow at Altrincham Grammar School for Girls in June.

Students tackled a range of mathematical problems, with the added dimension that the problems were written in a variety of foreign languages. Our students participated with enthusiasm and talent! Here's the piece that two of the students wrote about it:

"We began by using our maths skills in a starter called 'Fireworks'. We had to make words up that added up to the number 95 using the key provided. We won!! Afterwards, we walked around the stations that had challenging maths problems that were in German, French or Spanish. We competed against the other grammar schools to see who could complete the most in the set time. St Thomas Moore school won but we were close behind!! To end, we did a group activity to get to know students from other schools. The day

was a great opportunity and a valuable experience.

Thanks to Mrs Roe-Bennett for taking us – we had a great time!"

by Lauryn Flett and Lauren Roberts.

...and Mrs Roe-Bennett



## Mathematical Modelling Day

In June, six Year 12 students and Mr Armstrong, attended a Mathematical Modelling Day, hosted by the Further Maths Support Programme at the University of Manchester.

Students listened to a talk about some of the applications of Mathematics, pioneered by Manchester University, and how modelling techniques can help solve a wide variety of problems such as "how much does a cloud weigh?" or "who is the best tennis player of all time?".

The students then split into groups and, working with current university undergraduates, had to solve problems on a variety of topics, including Cryptography, medical imaging, combinatorics and the mathematics of fairground rides.

The day was enjoyed by all students and gave a valuable insight into studying mathematics beyond school.

Mr Armstrong

## SCIENCE News

### Insect Week

Year 7 celebrated National Insect Week from the 23-30th of June.

They studied the classification and features of invertebrates and then focussed on insects. They studied the importance of bees and their role in food provision, and the future concept of eating insects as a source of protein. Finally they went bug hunting on the school grounds to practise their sampling techniques and identification skills.

Fun had by all!

Mrs Brown



### Field Trip

On 30th June 2014, Year 12 embarked on a 5-day field trip to Betws -y- Coed in North Wales, near to the Snowdonia National Park.

As part of the trip, all students took part in practical work outside, practising some sampling techniques they had learned as part of their AS studies. These techniques included sampling plants in moorland in the Welsh hills, ancient woodland and sand dunes at Harlech. Everyone got their chance to get wet by doing some sampling of freshwater invertebrates on the first day – literally jumping in at the deep end.



Despite the days being long, despite Mr Williams getting sucked into a bog and despite being harassed by cows, everyone had a great time and gained valuable practical experience in the ecological aspect of the A level Biology specification. As always, students were brilliant and worked hard throughout.

Da iawn pawb!!

Mr Williams



## Football Frenzy

It was yet another rollercoaster of a season for our 5 football teams. Between the Year groups we managed to make 2 finals and 6 semi-finals across both the Trafford League and Cup Competitions.

Unfortunately, it was only the one year group who managed to advance to the final as the others were knocked out through well contested semi-final matches. The Year 7's had the full backing of Wellington School going into the finals, with a great many staff turning out in person to the games played at Carrington. During a post-match press conference Mr Harpham, the Year 7 Manager, reported the following:

"A wonderful year has come to an end tinged with a little disappointment - so close and yet so far.

Not for 20 years has a Wellington School Year 7 football team come so close to winning the Trafford double, League and Cup. In the League final against BTH the boys showed tremendous character coming back from 2-0 down with twenty minutes to play to draw 2-2 and force extra time. Losing 3-2 with three minutes of extra time left, Liam Munday would not be stopped and headed the ball in to force penalties.

Henry Howarth was the star saving all four BTH

penalties and coolly scoring the winner. Henry, for his penalty heroics, won Man of the Match but in truth all players were outstanding. Marcus Jones changed the game when introduced from the bench, Liam and Ethan were solid in the heart of defence and James Buckley and captain fantastic Louis Wright controlled the midfield with Tom Carr leading the line brilliantly.

A week later Wellington was punished for a slow start and left themselves too much to do to re-enact their heroics from the previous week losing 3-1 to Altrincham Boys Grammar School. It was a sad end to a fantastic season but even in defeat the boys were outstanding. Over the year they have developed a never say die attitude and is a big reason why they have been so successful.

For me it has been a pleasure to manage this fantastic group and I know they will go on to great things here at Wellington. I would like to thank all the parents for their wonderful support of me over the last few years, both in my role as a maths teacher and as a football coach, it has been a pleasure!"

The whole PE department would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the Year groups for their achievements this season and hope the success can be maintained if not improved upon next year.

Mr Gubbins



## Cricket

### A view from the boundary

A super summer of cricket at Wellington was completed in July with five pieces of silverware for the Trophy cabinet. The Year 7, 8/9 and 10/11 teams all finished runners up in the Trafford league, a brilliant achievement and one the players can be very proud of. The teams then went on to compete in the first ever Trafford 'Super Sixes' tournament, held at Timperley Cricket Club, again the teams found success, all reaching the finals and gaining silver medals and a well-earned trophy. We hope to go one better next year and bring back the Trafford titles in our respective leagues.

Mr Morgan



## Girls Wimbledon

For the first year, we were able to run our own Wimbledon tournament.

30 girls from Year 7 signed up for the first round and played during lunchtimes or in their tennis lessons. Over the weeks this was whittled down to semi-finals and the final played on the last day of school. With a crowd of all the players who took part, Bronte Ward and Evie Chard fought hard to be crowned champion. A brilliant final with tension running high saw Evie narrowly come out on top with a score of 3-2. Well done to all the girls who played and we look forward to next year's tournament.

Miss Richards



## Year 7 Girls Athletics

This Trafford competition has changed recently to allow athletes to compete in their preferred events.

With so many talented girls, it was a tough decision who to take and a last minute injury stopped one of our best throwers joining us. A win in the high jump at a height of 1.55m from Jess Grundy, along with third place in the discus for Savannah Holden, was great but then another win in 100m final for Charlotte Mairs made us grin from ear to ear! Well done to all the girls who took part on the night and at training.

Miss Richards



## Boys Athletics

2014 was a busy year for the boys' athletics teams, it all started earlier on in the year with the Year 7 team winning the Trafford indoor athletics finals, they then went on to represent Trafford in the Greater Manchester Winter Games, where they finished a hard fought 5th out of 9 boroughs.

The summer brought more success with the Year 7 team, Year 8/9 team and Year 10/11 team all finishing third for track and field in Trafford, a super achievement as each competition had 11 schools competing, a number of which are, of course, single-sex schools. We hope to push for silver and gold in the 2015 competitions.

Mr Morgan



## Year 8, 9, 10 Girls Athletics

A very sunny evening allowed our annual athletics meet to take place at Longford Park.

A great number of excited girls arrived to compete after run and throw offs at school. Overall the girls competed against twelve other Trafford schools and the Year 8's came joint 5th, the Year 9's 4th and the Year 10's 4th. There were some amazing results from the night which led to two of our girls being invited to participate for Greater Manchester.

Jess Parker came 3rd in the hurdles, Rachel Farthing came 3rd in the long jump and Cara Rushton also came 3rd in the high jump. For the Year 9's, Chloe Hadfield came 3rd in the 100m and Chayce Smith won the 200m and high jump. The Year 9 relay team came 2nd, just 1.38 seconds behind Loreto. Lydia Black came 3rd in the 300m for the Year 10's, Amy Ashmore came 3rd in the hurdles, Grace Ball came 3rd in the discus and Ellie Stevenson came 4th in the shot putt. Ellie Stevenson and Chayce Smith were both asked to perform as part of the Trafford team against the rest of Greater Manchester. Chayce went on to become Greater Manchester Champion in the 200m; we are very proud to have such a super star at Wellington!

Miss Richards



## Year 7 Rounders

The girls have had an excellent start to their Rounders careers at Wellington school.

They won their group stages with convincing wins over Sale Grammar, Sale High and ACA. They then went on to play in the finals evening at Flixton Girls school. The girls were drawn against AGGS and after the first innings were only 1 rounder down. Unfortunately, AGGS upped their game in the second innings and we were beaten.

The girls started with excellent skills and have developed their tactical awareness and appreciation as the season has gone on, so we are hoping to return next season ready to give the tougher opposition an even better game.

It's been fantastic to see over 40 girls taking part in Rounders this year, whether they have represented the school, or just played for fun, it's been a great way for Year 7 to enjoy the sunshine and improve their skills.

Miss Hodges

## Year 8 Rounders

I was delighted to have so many enthusiastic and smiley Year 8's turning up to practice this season!

As well as our usual rounder's suspects from last year we had many new faces at practice also. Each week the girls trained with great energy and determination and they worked hard to improve their fielding and batting skills. We started the season playing against tough opposition like Sale Grammar and ACA and were very unlucky to lose both games. Once we worked out a few fielding tactics and had more batting practice we improved just in time to beat Broadoak and Flixton.

Miss MacGlinchey



## Year 9 Rounders

Once again this team were a wonderful group to manage and they continued where they left off last season.

With more players than ever before, we managed to have a squad large enough for two teams! The girls were superb every training session. They know the rules inside and out and helped some of the newest members of the team to understand the more complicated aspects of rounders. The girls considerably improved their tactical play and their batting was unstoppable with over 30 rounders scored in competitive fixtures. The girls easily beat Sale High and ACA but were unfortunately out-performed on the day by Sale Grammar losing 12 1/2 to 7 1/2 rounders. I'm sure we'll get them next year girls!

Miss MacGlinchey

## Year 10 Rounders:

This year we had a really talented group of girls on the team.

They batted far and wide, threw long and strong, made great decisions and worked brilliantly as a team. Some changes to the positions saw an improvement in results and there were many great games; beating ACA 5 1/2 to 2 1/2 and Sale Grammar by a massive 17 1/2 to 2 1/2 to name but a few. Well done to all the girls who played this year; a real team effort.

Miss Richards



## Staff vs 6th form netball match

To finish the year on a high, we played our best vs theirs!

More than twelve staff signed up for the event but Mr Beeley, Mrs Thomson and Mr O'Rourke bailed out with 'injuries' or 'other physiological concerns'! The game went ahead despite the rain and there were even cheerleaders present for both teams. With two Year 9 netball enthusiasts umpiring, it was set to be a great game, yet it was felt some rules were needed for both teams; no men/boys at centre and no more than two men/boys on the court at any time. After a quick recap of positions and rules, the whistle was heard. The first quarter saw a shocking injury to Mrs McDonnell, who thankfully played on and did a great job. New staff were involved too and Miss Power and Miss Tan took to the court. A few changes by both teams and the goals started coming. Mrs Haley and Megan Edwards scored many goals each but there has to be a winner. This year it was the Teachers who were triumphant. Better luck next year 6th formers! Players of the match go to Paul Taylor and Miss Tan. Congratulations to you both.



## Sports Day at Longford Stadium, 12th June

A superb day that showed off the very best of Wellington School once again.

The competitive edge on the track and field was matched by the sense of sportsmanship and goodwill to others in the stands; all the competitors were cheered and supported by the gathered masses, including a good number of parents all demonstrating true sporting values.

A huge thank you to the PE department and all the other staff who helped to organise and run the day so successfully, whether they were supervising in the stands, providing first aid support, measuring distances or holding the fort back at School. Thanks also must go to Miss Willingham's team of photographers and to the wonderful Year 10 "sports leaders" without whose help the day would not have run so smoothly.

Mr Beeley



# Sports Dinner

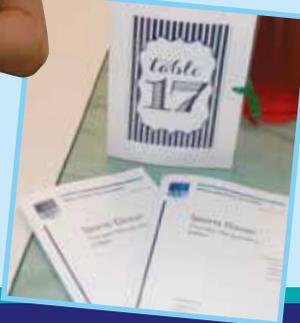


## Sports Awards Dinner at Bowdon Rugby Club – 19th June

Our second annual Sports Awards Dinner at Bowdon Rugby club is fast becoming one of the highlights of the School calendar.

Once again, it was a fantastic evening and a real celebration of the growing sporting participation and achievement at Wellington. It was particularly good to welcome back former Wellingtonian, Jonathan Davies, currently on a five year swimming scholarship in America and studying sports journalism, to be our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Whilst events such as these tend to highlight one or two individuals per team, every one of them had, in fact, gained from their participation in competitive sport and merited acknowledgement, and it would be great to give them all a trophy if we could!

Mr Beeley



## Year 10 Practice Interviews

Thursday 19th June 2014

35 volunteers from various employment areas, higher educational establishments and apprenticeship providers spent the day in School interviewing Year 10 students. Prior to the interviews, all Year 10 students had completed an application form and the interviewers used the information provided in these forms to shape the interview.

Students received verbal and written feedback. It was agreed by all that the day was an excellent, useful and very worthwhile activity.

The employers were extremely complimentary about our students, saying that they were a credit to the school, themselves and their parents.

Another invaluable way that we at Wellington try to develop the wider skills of every student at the school.

Mrs Mackay



Fraser 10CSN



Joel 10PME



Sophie 10SYG

Quotes from the students themselves:  
"It was great, smashed that" Alicia Irving 10LDN  
"I think it went well. I learnt about new skills which will be very useful" Tim Cassidy 10SYG

"I enjoyed seeing what an interview was like and I feel more confident for future interviews" Brooke Wooding 10CSN

"A very useful experience, I really enjoyed it." Emily Robins 10ERD



Ellie-Jade 10GFR

## Year 10 Enterprise Day

Monday 14th July 2014

All Year 10 were taken off timetable for an Enterprise event designed to develop the students' entrepreneurial and interpersonal skills. Prior to the event, students had completed a psychometric assessment which allowed the company running the event to assign them to a role suitable to their attributes. Roles included Managing Director, Finance Manager, Sales and Marketing Manager to name just a few. Students had to work together in teams and build their own business where they had to design and build their own product, negotiate with customers to market and sell their product and some students even presented their own advert/jingle to the Year Group (which they did with such confidence). One group even designed their own uniform and another produced an airport with aircraft marketed for the Armed forces. All in all a great day was had by everyone. The winning team "Empresario" managed to accrue £746,324.26!!! Huge congratulations to Lochlan Hall, Cameron Kemp, Amy Draper, Megan Haycocks, Joseph Shaw, Jolanta Naumowicz and Beth Johnston.

Mrs Mackay



## Year 10 Armed Forces Day

Wednesday 16th July saw the invasion of the Armed Forces to Wellington!

Year 10 were put through their paces taking part in an array of activities designed to develop teamwork, interpersonal skills and overall physical fitness. The students were also fortunate enough to receive valuable careers advice about the various opportunities for all levels of entry whether that be post GCSEs, A Levels or later. The students had a fantastic day, here is what they had to say...

10PME - "The army day was cool, we learned a lot about what the army do and what joining them involved. We took part in numerous activities that tested our teamwork skills and logical thinking. Our favourite though was kickball, which was really fun! Everyone was very kind and committed, and gave us a good idea of what the army would actually be like."

10CSN had an exciting day working with the Armed Forces in a variety of tasks. They felt that it had changed their perception of what life in the Armed Forces would be like, with many viewing it in a much more positive light. 10CSN enjoyed developing their teamwork and communication skills. A straw poll of the group produced adjectives such as "adventurous", "exciting", "inspirational" and very "tiring".

"Overall it was a really enjoyable day, there was a wide range of activities and it made us work together as a tutor group which we don't do often. The citizen task was interesting and useful."

10SYG - "Overall we found the day really enjoyable, we learnt about the Armed Forces and also there were lots of activities for us to try. We think the instructors were physically and mentally motivating, especially in kick ball with Foxy! Favourite activities included kick ball and the Afghanistan talk."



10ARI - "We learned to collaborate and communicate as a tutor group, despite finding that a struggle at the beginning of the day. We also achieved a lot as we were the first group to complete all three items in the Jerry can task and we did the tyre task in the least amount of moves; we were perfect! As a group, this gave us the opportunity to do things we've never done before and it gave us more confidence. We would recommend it to future year groups."

All of the Armed Forces were extremely complimentary about our students. Congratulations to Year 10 on such fantastic behaviour - a year group to be reckoned with!

Mrs Mackay and Mrs Taylor-Crooke



## Sixth Form News and Views

I say it every time, but boy oh boy what a busy term it's been in the Sixth Form!

I'm sure to leave something out, but here is a flavour of our jam-packed term . . . . .

After Easter it was the last push for the exams; staff across all subjects continued their unparalleled commitment to our students with a whole host of extra sessions, revision aids and exam paper practice. The overwhelming majority of students made the most of this provision and attended these bonus sessions and I'm sure you join myself and Mr Cropper in thanking staff for all this support given so readily.

Professional work placements were next on the agenda for Year 12 after their exams. It's an excellent opportunity to gain experience



in an area of work or a subject they are interested in pursuing at University or in their working life. Many universities actually require experience prior to applying for their courses so it's a vital



opportunity that should be taken advantage of.

Our students spent time in a huge variety of placements showing the vast range of



potential careers our ambitious lot are heading for. We had students in Cardiff working at a hospital shadowing medical staff, local primary schools were joined by many of our students gaining experience for teaching, pharmacies, banks, the airport, research laboratories, libraries ..... I could go on!

Feedback from employers was delightful to hear! Our students surpassed themselves with their commitment, punctuality, effort and manners; what else would you expect!? A huge thank you to Mrs Mackay for organising the programme and to Mr Cropper, Mrs Wilson and the Tutors who visited students 'in situ'.

'Skills Day' was an opportunity for Year 12 to start building plans for next year, to give students a focus and help them see the bigger picture. The event saw a number of visitors share their expert knowledge, give advice and ensure that our students understand the routes for life after Sixth Form. We had an MMU admissions officer explaining what was expected in a personal statement and how and what to present therein. He also spoke about the expectations and requirements for uni. There was a talk from Churchgate Academy regarding the

alternative route of apprenticeships and the range of subject, skill and employment areas this covers.

It's a great event that allows the students to see the potential of working hard and its impact on their future

Uni visits and taster days have been in full swing and our students have taken every advantage of them. It has offered a chance to see facilities, speak to students who have followed the same path and of course ask pertinent questions regarding course and entry requirements.

In the last week of term, Sehr Kutraj, in 12AFR, set off to Newcastle-upon-Tyne for 3 days, having secured herself a place on the university's Summer School. She was very excited at the prospect of living in student accommodation, preparing her own meals (her mum had got her up to speed with a few basic recipes in the week before she left!), attending lectures and getting a taster of student life in this vibrant and interesting city. We're looking forward to hearing all about it when she returns (and to find out whether or not she had to resort to takeaway pizza...!)

Mrs Wilson has also been forwarding information regarding events for particular courses and experience days to our students, which they have thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted from. The University of Manchester hosted a series of Summer Lectures and Discover Days, across a range of subjects, enabling our students to visit the campus, find out more about the degree courses on offer and the application and admissions process, to meet current undergraduates and academic staff and to attend a lecture. The feedback from all our Sixth Formers was extremely positive

11 of our Year 12 students attended a 'Pure Potential' event at Manchester University. The day included a personal statement master class (a key component of university applications), a session on student finance, an interview workshop and industry workshops run by leading graduate employers in fields such as accountancy, investment banking, medicine, law and teaching. One student described the event as 'an amazing experience and very beneficial'.

Emily Marshall and Emma Dillon-Heywood again volunteered to support another Marie Curie fundraising event, this time at Altrincham's French Festival. Carol Mindham, the Chair of the local Fundraising Group for Marie Curie Cancer Care, telephoned school to let us know what a brilliant job they'd both done and how delighted she was with their efforts. She said they 'worked like Trojans!' selling raffle tickets and helping on the 'Guess the name of the Teddy Bear' and 'Tombola' stalls. On the day, their efforts helped to raise £1592. The Sixth Form team and fellow students are extremely proud of them both!

We have gone all technical in the 6th form and set up a twitter account! It's full of information to support students, from news events and issues that are useful for general studies, apprenticeship information and opportunities, university and UCAS guidance and generic advice. It's well worth a follow . . . to cringe at Miss G's dreadful attempts at a hashtag if nothing else! @Wellington6th #joinus

We held an induction day for the Year 11 students who applied for Wellington Sixth Form. It was an opportunity to find out a little bit more about the

expectations straight from the 'horse's mouth', so to speak! As always our Year 12 were great ambassadors and were giving relevant advice about how to approach and manage life in the Sixth Form.

Mr Cropper, Mrs Wilson and I spoke at an event to inform students and parents of Year 13 expectations. This included information on the UCAS and apprenticeship process, the timeline of events, support in place and what students need to be doing. There was a great turnout and we really appreciate this support from parents in helping us facilitate the transition to the next phase of our students' education.



It was all 'glitz and glam' at the Year 13 prom, good food, good outfits and good memories. We wish you well for your life post Sixth Form, keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on! Of course, we now have our new 'Alumni' network so

it should be easier to keep in touch.

We just managed to squeeze in Head Boy and Head Girl interviews before the end of term. Mr Cropper and Mr Beeley were really impressed with the calibre of applications. The results are as follows for the new academic year 2014 - 15:

Head Boy is Jamie Longshaw and Deputy Head Boy, George Graburn

Head Girl is Renee Leach and Deputy Head Girl, Ellie Mottram.

The 'panel' were so impressed with all the candidates that they have invited them to be part of a Sixth Form Management Team. What a team! Well done!

Well that's all for now, before it turns into 'War and Peace', but haven't we been a busy lot!?

Miss Grey Mr Cropper Mrs Wilson

## Primary School events at Wellington

The Summer term is a busy time at Wellington with Year 5 pupils from local primary schools joining us to experience 'a day in the life of a high school pupil'.

However no matter how exciting the activities are, the highlight of the day is always the pupils being able to choose their own lunch in the Dining Room!

Special mention goes to Sam Blackburn, now Year 10, who has taken on the role of 'Primary School Photographer'. Well done and thank you for all your hard work Sam!

Mr Shaw





## Year 7

What an incredibly busy end to the Summer Term! After the completion of end of year exams there was indeed 'no rest for the wicked' as Year 7 were kept on their toes right until the end of the year!

From No Pens Day to Sports Day, and from Bridgewater Hall to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Year 7 threw themselves into this summer's activities with their usual enthusiasm and energy. And in typical Year 7 fashion there is yet another challenge on which to end the year; the infamous Marble Run. Tutor groups have had to construct a design that will result in the marble descending at the slowest possible pace. The designs have to be free standing and not be more than a metre high. The marble runs will be put through their paces on the last day of term so look out for the announcement of the victor next academic year. Mrs Jones is in fact so confident of her tutor group's design she has been asking other Year 7 tutors to bet against her. Little wonder that I have dubbed Mrs Jones the most competitive tutor in Year 7; she even got her little boy to build his own design!

I would like to thank all the Year 7 tutors for their hard work and the support that they have provided to their tutees; they would not have made such a positive start to their Wellington careers without their constant input. I would especially like to thank Pastoral Manager Mrs Haley, who will be staying in Year 7 in September. I know the pupils will certainly miss her!

Well done Year 7 of 2013 – 2014 and I wish you all an equally successful Year 8.

Miss Tidbury

## Year 8

In late July, Mr Holt and Mr O'Rourke took over 170 Year 8 students to Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

Students were invited on the trip based on their attendance and punctuality record throughout the year. The benchmark was set at 96% attendance - a challenge that was met head on by the Year Group.

All students had a fabulous time and the log flume helped to keep us cool on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year.

Back in school, the tail end of term was used to reflect upon the year that had passed and look forward to the challenges of Year 9. The highlight for many though had to be the final assembly of the year which was 'hijacked' by two students. As Mrs Harte was in full flow at the front of Vale Hall, Yasmin Jalali and Jasmine Spinks leapt from their seats and took over!

Their double act proved to be a wonderful way to end the year as they took students and staff by complete surprise. They began by giving everyone a review of the academic year and ended up by presenting Mr O'Rourke and Mrs Harte with a parting gift of chocolates and flowers. There wasn't a dry eye in the house!

Mr Holt

## Year 9

As a busy Year 9 and the end of KS3 draws to a close, Year 10 has started early with pupils volunteering to become ambassadors for the School.

Pupils were able to choose which type of ambassador they wanted to be. School ambassadors will represent the school at events such as parents' evenings, new pupil day and Open Morning, to name but a few. Most parents will recognise these ambassadors at the annual parents evenings, providing a fantastic service in making sure staff and parents are suitably refreshed with drinks and biscuits!

Pupils also had the chance to become a new 'sports' ambassador. Alongside the Sports Leaders from PE, sports ambassadors will help out the PE department, particularly with interform competitions within school. They have also been challenged to set up their own interform sports competitions.

Mr Webb organised a trip for Year 9 to Alton Towers at the end of the summer term. He reported back that the pupils were fantastic and extremely excited about going on the rides (along with some of the MFL teachers who went too). After getting over the queues for the rides, everyone had a fantastic day – I have been told that even Mr Webb was persuaded to get on the rides, despite his nervous disposition!

Despite the new challenges of coping with GCSEs, the pupils in Year 10 are going from strength to strength. It's an exciting time to lead such a fantastic group of pupils (and I'm not easy to please!)

Mr Williams

Director of Year

## Year 10

On Friday 11th July, Year 10 went on their annual reward trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. We took 190 students to the park on a glorious sunny day.

We registered at 8.40am and were on our way up the M6 for arrival at 10.00am. The students were fantastic ambassadors for the School from minute one to the end, their conduct and pleasant attitude made the day so much more enjoyable - the staff weren't bad either. In fact I think some of the staff (Miss Richards and Mrs Thomson) were more excited than the kids as they ran off towards The 'Big One' when we arrived.

'Valhalla' (the wet ride as you can see from Mrs. Rainford and Mrs. Young in the picture)

was the first stop for many and Liam was well prepared for the ride, he obviously had inside knowledge.



The day was thoroughly enjoyable, from 'The Big One' to 'Infusion' and 'Avalanche' to 'Ice Blast' the students had a great day. I certainly wouldn't recommend eating before a rollercoaster ride, I don't know what Joe (in the picture) was thinking before 'The Big One'.

All the students were on time for their checkpoints throughout the day and even had time to bring home a wide range of cuddly toys from the stalls (although I think Mr. Armstrong was a little too happy with his minion!

It was a very quiet coach trip home as the students seemed to be exhausted from such an exhilarating day. The quote of the day goes to Mrs. Rainford who thought that "there were an awful lot of dips on that ride" on The Big Dipper!!!!!!!



## The Year 11 Prom

With all the hard work of Year 11 behind them, after weeks and weeks of planning the class of 2014 finally had their prom on the 11th of July at the Airport Inn in Wilmslow.

Grand entrances were made by the students in a variety of vehicles including a Ferrari, limousines, a lorry, Bentleys and many more.



Over 160 students and 25 staff members attended the prom and added to the great atmosphere that was created by their presence. Awards were given to the students accompanied by several chuckles and the tutor team and Mr Beeley were greeted with rapturous applause. Soon after dinner, the dance floor was bustling with both staff and students celebrating the five years at Wellington.

Mr Travis and Mr Manifold



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## Dates for your Diaries:

Thursday 2nd October  
PSA Family Fun Night

Wednesday 8th October  
6th Form Open Evening

Wednesday 22nd October  
School Production of 'Oliver'

Thursday 23rd October School  
Production of 'Oliver'

Friday 24th October  
School closes 3.05pm

Tuesday 4th November School  
re-opens to students

Monday 10th November  
PSA Meeting 7pm

Sunday 30th November  
Christmas Fair

Thursday 11th December  
KS4 Options Evening

Monday 15th December  
Carol Service

Friday 19th December  
School closes

Monday 5th January 2015  
School re-opens to students  
and Spring Term