



William Perkin
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High School

Head Teacher's Newsletter



SUMMER TERM 2025

"I have come that you may have life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Message from Ms Newman

The summer term has, as always, been a packed one with celebration and challenges.

Finally the time comes for the Year 11 and 13 students to take their actual exams—the culmination of 5, or 7, years of hard work, graft and intellectual preparation—so much is riding on those few weeks! As ever, I was so impressed by the students' approach and attitude in the face of such a potentially stressful time. I am certain that whatever the outcome, every single one of the students will be able to look back and

feel proud of the effort they put into their exams.

And of course that means we have also been celebrating the students' final days as a William Perkin Y11 or Y13. A big chunk of the Y11s will soon be back, as part of our sixth form community, but we are saying our final goodbye to all of our Y13s and may of our Y11s. We sent them off in style with 2 wonderful proms and end of year assemblies, communions and celebrations. I hope they leave us with many cherished memories of their time with us, and with each other.

The summer term is also one chock full of wider learning events—and this year we have certainly had the weather to enjoy them! We have had our usual events, including Celebrating Diversity Week and Enterprise Days, as well as some particular summer highlights, such as Founders Day, the Sponsored Walk and Enrichment week. The range of trips and activities happening last week for Enrichment Week was inspiring, and the students' enthusiasm it all was a joy to see. Please do explore the



Our 10:10 ethic

'events' section of the newsletter for further information.

And, finally, another thank you and well done from me to all the staff, students and parents/carers for helping WP secure the Ofsted judgement we deserved—what an 'Outstanding' year!



House Cup competition for the term... Well done **Isambard**

1st	Isambard
2nd	Pascal
3rd	Watt
4th	Einstein
5th	Kelvin
6th	Newton
7th	Rutherford



Parent prep!

Our tips for supporting your son (s) / daughter (s) to flourish at school and live out the WP etiquette.

Please do make sure you use the summer as an opportunity to relax, do plenty of reading and spending time as a family, recharging batteries ready for September.

Please take the time to double check which items of equipment or uniform need replacing so that all the students start the new school year looking smart and fully prepared! If you need a reminder or to double

check anything, there is a full list of uniform and equipment contained in the students' planners and also on our website.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale: Friday, 25th July 2025 11am to 12:30pm

Please also be sure to check out the newest edition of the WP Times on Copia for all the latest school news and events!

[Click this link](#)



This term's highlights

Huge fun has been had by all this term, getting back into the swing of trips, clubs and events.

This term students have been involved in a range of activities including the...

- * CIAG Day for all students
- * Duke of Edinburgh information evenings and expeditions
- * Founders Day—our annual science extravaganza!
- * Y11 Celebration of Achievement Evening
- * Y13 Celebration Service
- * Y11 and Y13 Proms
- * Mouse Trap and Globe theatre trips
- * Mental Health Awareness week
- * IRIS Conference 2025
- * Jamie's farm trip for Bertha Earth students
- * Oxford Urban Fieldwork Trip
- * Celebrating Diversity week 3
- * Sponsored Walk
- * Medical museums trip
- * Paris, Berlin, Edinburgh, Normandy and Malaga Trips
- * UCAS information evening
- * BUILD trip
- * World of Work Trip
- * Enrichment Week, including Sports Day!
- * Summer Arts festival
- * MFL primary school trips (our students teaching their students)
- * Great Exhibition road festival 2025
- * Oxbridge summer school
- * CERN Geneva Trip
- * Year 8 and 9 Careers Fair
- * Enrichment week, including Design Technology and Food Technology
- * Sixth Form induction day
- * WP Djembe band performance at the Royal Albrt Hall (!)
- * Meet The Tutor days for all year groups

...and much more!



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Trips and events this term: in pictures!

It has been so exciting to be able to get back to running the plethora of trips and events that we provide for our students at William Perkin.

Below, you can see photographs of students enjoying some of the highlights from the term.

Students presenting at the Great Exhibition Road festival



Edinburgh Trip



Bronze DofE Expedition



Food Techology Day



Bushcraft Trip



Trust Choir Project



Getting ready to perform
at the Royal Albert Hall!



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Coming up next term

Enterprise Updates

The major Enterprise event of this term is of course the Sponsored Walk, where we decamp to Northala Fields for the day and all walk (some run!) as far and as fast as we can for charity. This year the fundraising efforts were fiercer than ever and we raised a whopping £5,766 to be split equally between our link school in Mozambique, and our chosen charity for this year—War Child.



We are hugely grateful for all contributions made!

1st	£1302.50	Watt
2nd	£1129.40	Isambard
3rd	£712.46	Pascal
4th	£665.60	Newton
5th	£663.17	Rutherford
6th	£605.35	Kelvin
7th	£590.56	Einstein

Well done to **Watt** House for raising the most money in sponsorship—and to **7W in particular** who raised an astonishing £1125!



We continued raising money and dedicating time and thought to our other House charities throughout the term, using opportunities such as bake-sales and pay-to-play games to give what we can, reaching out to our wider local and global communities.



Our book clubs have continued to meet once a week – thank you to Ms Dixon and Mr Blake for running them and to all our Y7-10 readers who have actively been joining and making suggestions on what they would like to read next.

We have the new set of BookBuzz books that the Y7s joining us in September will be reading – if you want to get a head start on them over the summer, you may want to have a look at one of the books for inspiration!



For our KS4 readers, the Carnegie medal have shortlisted and selected their winners already – we couldn't resist showing you the full grouping though. If you do read any, please let Ms Dixon or any of your English teachers know when you return in the new term – they would love to know your thoughts.

This year, students have shown such enthusiasm for books during our scholastic book fairs which Ms Paterson and Ms Wood have organised as part of our wonderful Love Literacy Weeks which are a real highlight of the terms. You've raised an incredible amount of money for the school at the fairs, which will be plunged back into updating the LRC's selection of books during the next academic year.



Get reading with the
**National
Read-Aloud
Challenge 2025!**
1st July - 31st August

Students also have the exciting opportunity to take part in the National Read Aloud competition over the summer – we really encourage you to get involved!

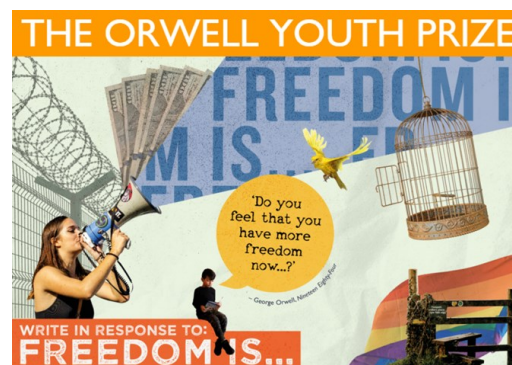
Challenge 2025: We've continued to go on a range of theatre tips this term too – thank you to Ms Dixon and Ms Boyefio for leading trips to go and see 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'The Mouse Trap' respectively. Students seemed to love both productions; the Y8s who spoke about 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Globe said it was an imaginative resetting of the work and the students who have spoken to me about Mouse-trap, the longest running play in London, are now sworn to secrecy on who's to blame for the mysterious deaths in a newly opened bed and breakfast. We really look forward to taking you to more incredible shows next year and your boundless enthusiasm for them.



The Year 9s have also been able to put all of that incredible cultural exposure and understanding to work in our fantastic 'Macbeth Day' organised during Enrichment Week by Ms Paterson and Ms Wood – this is an annual event which we have run for a few years now and I was so impressed by the range of ideas students came up with. We had productions set in churches, football clubs, and theatre productions – well done to everyone who engaged so fully and got so much out of the day.

Ms Simons has started running the KS3 poetry club which is nothing short of incredible; every Monday after school, she and a group of KS3 students meet to read and write poetry together and some of the work that they have written in the last term alone has been incredible.

And it's not just in lessons that students have completed incredible writing – at the end of last term we mentioned the Orwell Youth Prize, a national non-fiction essay competition for 11-18 year olds, which this year was focussed on what 'Freedom is...'. Our very own Victoria in Year 9 not only entered the competition and shared her work with Mr Blake and Mr Chugg, but was shortlisted. This means that Victoria has placed in the top fifty writers of a competition with over 1000 entries – what an amazing achievement!



Over the summer, the English department hopes that all of your hard work over the year means you choose to write for yourself, read widely, or even enter the Foyle Young Poets of the Year competition – however you choose to engage with reading this summer, we hope it is enriching and as full of life as everything you have completed with us and Literacy this year. Have a lovely summer!



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Sports Report for the Summer term

It's been a packed term of sport at WP, as always! A huge well done to everyone who has represented William Perkin this term and a big shout-out to all the staff who have made clubs and fixtures possible. There have been...

Cricket:

WP under 18s made it to semi-final of Middlesex cup and under 15s and under 13s made it to the borough semi-final. William Perkin students were proud to take part in the launch of the National State School Cricket competition at Lords Cricket Ground—please do make sure you watch the video on our website. The summer term also saw the introduction of cricket interform which was fiercely contested.

Football:

WP under 13s won the trust tournament—hooray! And our under 15s made it to the final, sadly losing on penalties.



Rounders:

All league results are pending but our Year 9 team were undefeated in the league—well done to them!



Athletics:

We have had a huge number of Borough meets and also students progressing to represent Ealing at the county athletics! A particular well done to Lashaun from Year 11 who is progressing to the **England nationals**, having come 5th in 200m and won a bronze medal in the relay.



Sports Day 2025!

Of course, the big event of the summer term for us in PE is Sports Day! Well done to everyone that attended sports day, students and staff. It was fantastic to see everyone coming together to support their House, and we were so proud of the efforts put in by the students competing. Congratulations to the winners of each of the events! Enjoy some photos of the competitors and supporters, as well as the Sports Day standings for the House Cup:



Pascal	231 (7pts)
Einstein	219 (6pts)
Rutherford	202 (5pts)
Isambard	200 (4pts)
Watt	189 (3pts)
Kelvin	184 (2pts)
Newton	172 (1pt)



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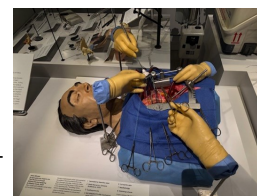
Science at William Perkin this term

It's been another term packed with science fun at WP!

On 16th May the Elite Scientists had a day at St George's, University of London. It was an opportunity to present the findings of their project on Synaesthesia to their peers as well as a chance to learn more about St Georges and visit the Paramedics simulation rooms. In June the Elite Scientists presented the findings of their Sickle Cell Anaemia project to the public at the Great Exhibition Road Festival, a very prestigious event. Thanks to the students and the staff for giving up their weekend in the name of scientific progress. Finally, on 25th June the Elite Scientists had one final presentation to make, and it was a big one. They travelled to Friends House in Euston where they presented at the IRIS conference to over 500 delegates from other schools and from academia.



Current and aspiring Medics Scholars had a fantastic trip to the Anaesthesia Heritage Centre. They learnt about what life was like before the invention of Anaesthetics (painful!). They also got hands-on learning how to intubate a dummy patient which is trickier than it looks. After this the students were taken to the Hunterian museum where there is an enormous and fascinating array of biological specimens (animal and human). To protect those with a delicate disposition I have not included the more shocking examples but you can see a human arm in one of those jars, you don't want to know what's in the others.



Just before Easter we hosted the RAF Charitable Trust who challenged our students to design and build a lander to explore other planets. They then had to present their project to everybody else. The students excelled themselves and some of their creations were designed with an incredible level of detail.

The Bertha Earth Project ended with a real highlight. Students spent a week away at Jamie's Farm where they got close up and personal with nature and also really challenged themselves with a strenuous cross-country hike. This was the first year that the project has run and Ms Mitchell has made sure it was a great success, our Y7s who were involved had an amazing time.



Of course it wouldn't be a summer science report without mentioning Founders Day, this year we looked at "All the Small Things". Both Teachers and students took the opportunity to make some new friends with some interesting creatures. The Royal Institution treated us to some exciting demonstrations in their show and across the school you were all involved in workshops and talks from some of the top scientists in their field.

Two weeks ago I took our A-level Physics students and aspiring Y11s to CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. They enjoyed a whole day of Physics at CERN which is the largest research facility of its kind in the world, it's also the birthplace of the world-wide web. One of the activities involved students descending 100m underground to see up close how the giant particle detectors work. Geneva wasn't just about science, however. We always believe in increasing students' cultural capital so the trip also involved lake swimming, bowling, touring the United Nations Headquarters (where they got to see the Human Rights Council in session) and eating fondue (both cheese and chocolate – not at the same time).





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Languages at William Perkin this term



Bonjour! Hola! Hallo! As always, the MFL department has had a *magnifique, fantástico* and *wunderbar* term, packed with trips, projects, and school visits.

Our superstar Year 9 linguists have been working especially hard. Since January, with the help of Miss. Portillo, they've been planning and creating lessons in Spanish, French, and German. In June they went to deliver them in primary schools. They visited Little Ealing, Fielding and Gifford Primary Schools, and taught the very excitable primary students. The Year 9s were all amazing and we definitely have some future teachers among them.



Year 10 were lucky enough to travel to Paris this year. Along with students from Ada Lovelace, they explored the wonderfully chaotic capital of France: from the Eiffel Tower, to Montmartre, a chocolate factory, the football stadium and much more. Our students got a real taste of French culture and of course lots of 'chocolat'!

Meanwhile, during Enrichment Week, our Year 7s travelled back in time to the Roman era. Pupils made wax tablets and Roman shields, which you can see some fantastic examples on display in our classrooms.

And let's not forget the Year 8 residential, which happened just last week during enrichment week. In Normandy, pupils learned about snail farming and even tried three different recipes – some more convinced about them than others... They also mastered the sacred French art of baking and croissant making, visited a chocolate factory and spent their evenings at the beach.



Meanwhile, over in Malaga, our other lucky Year 8s explored the beautiful Alhambra in Granada, took in the sights on a walking tour, watched an authentic

Flamenco show and enjoyed many delicious tapas dinners.

We will be running trips abroad again next year so look out for information about these so you can sign up.

Have a wonderful, safe, and sunny summer, and we'll see you back in the classroom in September.





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The Descendants Awards

We were immensely proud to have a double winner at the Annual Dr John Roberts QC CBE Achievement Awards 2025, also known as the Descendants Awards. The Descendants Awards each year recognises the achievements of young people of African and Caribbean descent in Ealing. Fenna in Y12 won **TWO** Descendants Awards – 'Excellence in STEM' and the 'Overall Achievement in Education Award'.



A Fond Farewell

As ever, the end of the school year brings with it a sad note as we inevitably say "goodbye and good luck" to a number of members of staff who are moving on to other schools or different careers. We, students and staff alike, will say our fond farewells to them at the end of term assembly.

This year, 2 members of the William Perkin team who have been at the school for **12 years** are amongst those moving on—Miss Denby and Miss Waspe. Both Deputy Head Teachers have been an integral part of the William Perkin journey so far and will, I am certain, have been part of your child's school experience in some way. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best of luck with their new beginnings—we will miss them and thank them for all the years of hard work and love they have given the William Perkin community.

