

Wembley Manor

Summer 2 Newsletter 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Looking back over the past year, there is so much to celebrate, and I couldn't be prouder of everything our students and staff have achieved together.

This year has been particularly special as we completed our first year in our wonderful new school building. Moving into a brand-new school was a significant milestone for Wembley Manor, and I would like to thank you once again for your patience and understanding as we settled into our new surroundings. It has been fantastic to see our students embrace every opportunity our new facilities provide. From our specialist classrooms and therapy spaces to our outdoor learning environments and vocational areas, the new building has enabled us to enhance the educational experiences we offer and further develop our vision of preparing students for happy, successful and independent futures.

This term has been filled with memorable experiences. Students have continued to make excellent progress in their learning, enjoyed a wide range of educational visits, enrichment opportunities, sporting events and celebrations, and have shown tremendous resilience, confidence and kindness throughout. Whether representing the school in the community,



performing in celebrations, developing new life skills or achieving personal milestones in the classroom, our students continue to amaze us every day.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited to continue building on this year's successes, further developing our curriculum, expanding opportunities for our students and ensuring Wembley Manor continues to be a place where every child feels safe, valued and inspired to succeed.

On behalf of everyone at Wembley Manor School, I wish you and your families a wonderful, restful and well-deserved summer break. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back on 3rd September for another exciting year of learning, growth and achievement.



Andrew Chaplin
Head Teacher



Permanent Internal Displays

We are incredibly proud to see the impact of our new permanent internal displays across the school.

These displays do far more than brighten our corridors and classrooms – they bring our school values of Love, Learn, Laugh to life every single day. They help to further embed the positive learning culture we are so passionate about creating, where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to succeed.

What makes these displays particularly special is that they are not only visually engaging, but also purposeful and inclusive. Thoughtfully designed wall displays can play an important role in supporting regulation, reducing anxiety, promoting independence, and creating environments where all pupils feel safe and able to thrive. The environment we create for our children matters enormously.



Every space within a school sends a message about belonging, aspiration, and care. These new displays contribute positively to the overall look and feel of the school while also serving as practical tools that support learning, wellbeing, and inclusion.

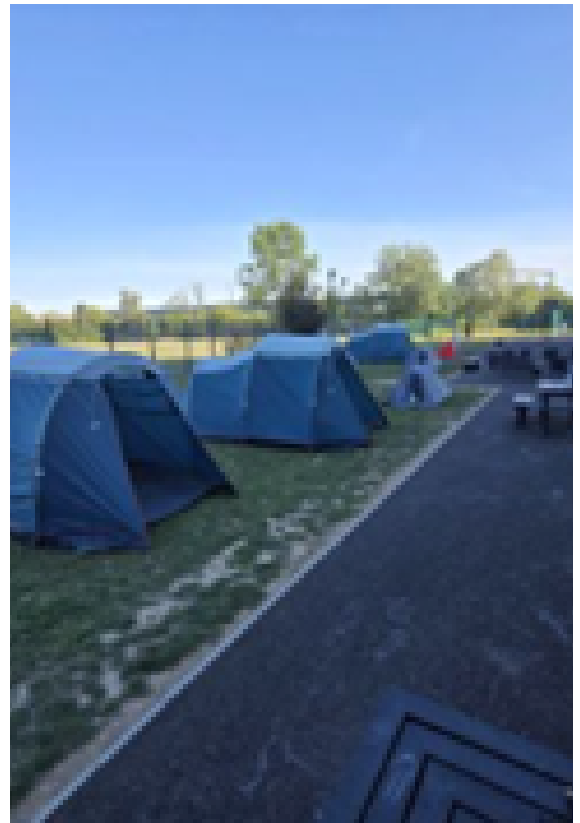
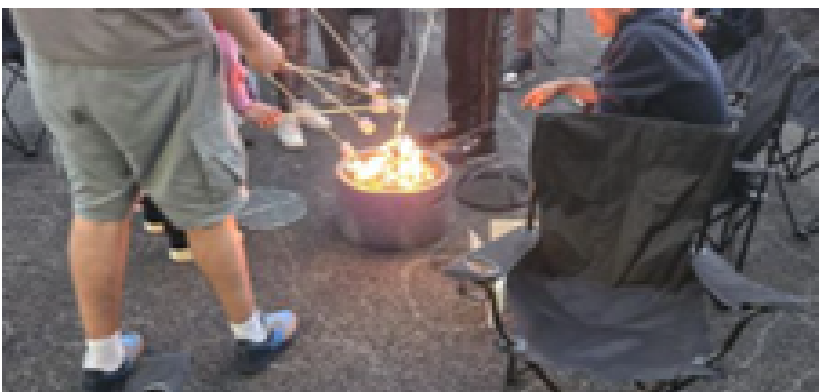
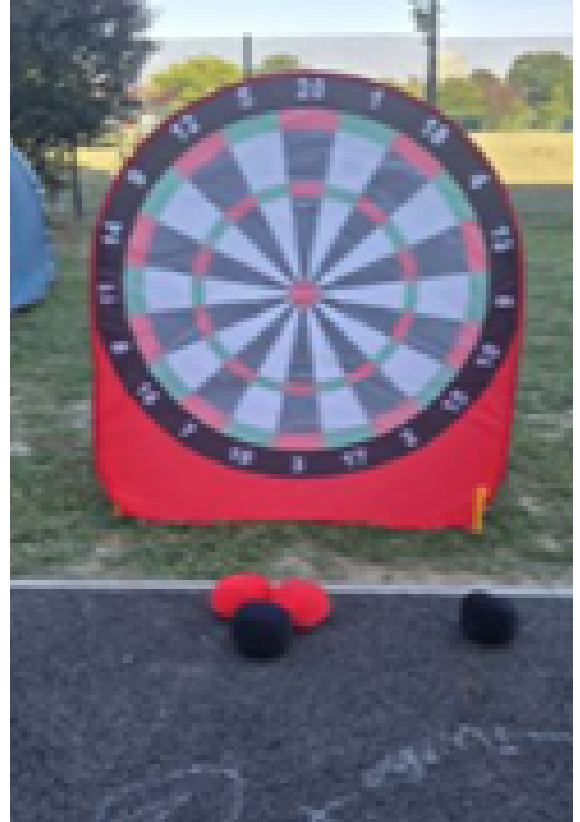


Duke of Edinburgh

Our Key Stage 4 students completed our school's very first overnight expedition as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It was a landmark moment—not just because it was a first for our school, but because of what it represents.

Every young person deserves the opportunity to challenge themselves, build resilience, develop independence, and create memories that will stay with them for life. For many of our neurodiverse students and those from disadvantaged backgrounds, experiences like this are not always easily accessible. That is why it is so important that we continue to remove barriers and ensure these opportunities are available to everyone.

Over the course of the expedition, our students demonstrated courage, determination, teamwork, and an incredible willingness to step outside their comfort zones. They supported one another, overcame challenges, and achieved something truly special. I could not be prouder of every single one of them.



Year 7

7A

It has been a fantastic year for 7A! Our students embraced every opportunity to learn, grow and challenge themselves, making impressive progress both in the classroom and beyond. From exploring science at the Science Museum and creating delicious pizzas at Pizza Express to braving the rides at Chessington World of Adventures and the magic of the Christmas pantomime, every experience brought learning to life. Regular community visits, including trips to local cafés, have allowed pupils to develop valuable preparation for adulthood skills such as ordering food, handling money and interacting confidently with members of the public. It has been especially rewarding to watch friendships grow, confidence flourish, and independence develop throughout the year. Our students have shown resilience, kindness and determination, continually supporting one another and representing Wembley Manor with pride. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive as they move into Year 8.

7B

7B have had a fantastic and successful term, and they should all be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Students thoroughly enjoyed our exciting school trips, including a memorable visit to Chessington, where they experienced a variety of rides, saw many amazing animals, and showed great courage by trying new attractions. We were also fortunate to take part in a Pizza Express masterclass, where students learned how to make their own delicious pizzas with guidance from the chef. In English, everyone loved reading *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and used it as inspiration to write their own imaginative diary entries. In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time, and most students now feel confident reading o'clock and half past times. Every member of 7B has made wonderful progress across all areas of the curriculum this year. Keep up the fantastic effort, enthusiasm, and positive attitude—well done, 7B!

7C

Since joining together in April, 7C has settled beautifully and has made outstanding progress in building a happy, caring, and inclusive classroom community. They have formed strong friendships and consistently demonstrate kindness, respect, and encouragement towards one another. The children embrace learning together, confidently take on new challenges, and understand that making mistakes is an important part of the learning journey. They celebrate each other's successes and offer support whenever it is needed. Wonderful shared experiences, including our community walk, visit to Chessington Theme Park, Sports Week, Parents' Barbecue, and trip to Barham Park, have further strengthened their relationships while promoting wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, resilience, and a genuine sense of belonging. It has been a pleasure to watch their confidence, independence, and teamwork flourish each day.



Year 8

What a fantastic way to finish the school year! Year 8 have had a brilliant summer term with plenty of memorable experiences and lots to celebrate. One of the highlights was our trip to Chessington World of Adventures. It was wonderful to see so many pupils encouraging each other and finding the confidence to go on rides they had been unsure about. Watching them step outside their comfort zones and seeing how proud they felt afterwards was a real pleasure.

Another favourite experience was our visit to Pizza Express, where the pupils enjoyed making their own pizzas. They loved choosing their toppings and seeing their creations cooked before sitting down to enjoy them together.

Back in school, Year 8 have been learning about recycling and the environment. Through practical activities and discussions, the pupils have developed a better understanding of how they can help care for the world around them. It has been lovely to see how much the pupils have grown over the year. They have become more confident in themselves and have embraced new opportunities with enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of everything Year 8 have achieved and would like to wish all of our pupils and families a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday.



Year 9

As we come to the end of the summer term, we would like to celebrate the effort, progress and achievements of our Year 9 students. It has been a busy and enjoyable term, filled with learning, enrichment and opportunities for students to develop their confidence, independence and teamwork skills.

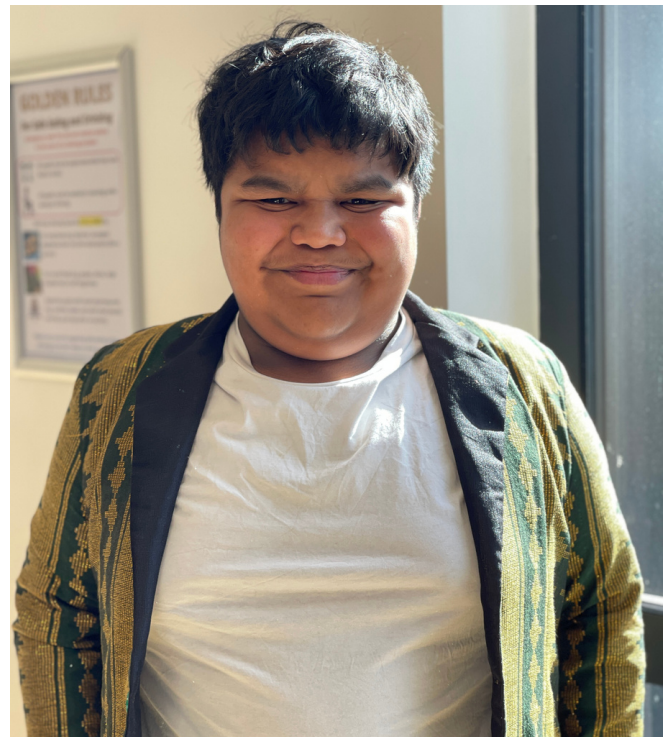
This term, Year 9 have taken part in a range of exciting experiences. Students visited Lord's Cricket Ground, where they learned more about one of the country's most famous sporting venues. They also took part in a TfL bus safety excursion, which supported their understanding of how to travel safely and more independently on London buses.

Sports Week was another highlight, with students trying a different sport each day and finishing the week with the ever-popular Sports Day. It was wonderful to see students showing enthusiasm, resilience and support for one another.

Year 9 also enjoyed working with Mahogany Arts, taking part in carnival workshops where they learned about carnival traditions and created their own costume designs.

Across the curriculum, students have worked hard throughout the year, and their progress has been clear to see this term. We are very proud of their achievements and the positive steps they have taken.

Well done, Year 9. We wish all students and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.



Year 10

Summer term has been an incredible one for our Year 10s! Throughout this year, our students have been working towards their ASDAN qualifications, Entry Levels and Level 1 exams. The students have worked so hard throughout the year and completed Mock exams too and we have had some huge successes for our first ever set of Wembley Manor qualifications! We are so proud of all of our Year 10s!

We have also spent this year working towards our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards. The last part to this was the expedition and the overnight camping. We hiked 7 miles to the Welsh Harp and took photos of landmarks and wildlife along the way, which we then used to create our projects. We presented our projects to each other and we all learnt something new, including how much some of us enjoyed walking, being outside or taking photographs.

This term the students also took part in a day of activities with Springboard, who support young people with Lifeskills and future careers. The year 10s had a go at: being Baristas and making coffee; practicing Housekeeping and making a room tidy and making the bed; learning how to make 2 different mocktails and also some team-building activities to practice working together and listening to others.

The Year 10 Team are so incredibly proud of all of our students, and we wish enormous luck to our 2 Year 11 students who will now be continuing their learning at Harrow College!



Careers Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I am delighted to share some highlights from our careers programme at Wembley Manor.

This year, our students have taken part in a wide range of exciting careers activities, helping them learn about different jobs, meet employers, and explore the opportunities available to them in the future. These experiences have included employer encounters, careers events, workplace visits, virtual talks with professionals and work experience opportunities.

Our careers programme is carefully designed to prepare students for adulthood by developing their confidence, independence, communication, and employability skills. Throughout the year, students have explored their strengths and interests while learning about future pathways, including further education, apprenticeships, supported internships, and employment.

We are especially proud that our end-of-year Gatsby Benchmark evaluation has shown significant improvements across our careers provision. Wembley Manor now fully meets the Gatsby Benchmarks for linking curriculum learning to careers, providing experiences of workplaces, and offering personal careers guidance. We have also made excellent progress in strengthening partnerships with employers and tailoring careers education to meet the individual needs of our learners.

These achievements reflect the dedication of our staff, students, families, and employer partners, who have worked together to ensure our careers programme is meaningful, ambitious, and accessible for every student.

Thank you for your continued support as we help our young people develop the skills, confidence, and aspirations they need to achieve successful and fulfilling futures.

Kind regards,

Dorota Wlosek
Assistant Head Teacher & Careers Leader



Inclusion and Family support

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible first year we have had at our London Road site! Since moving into our new building, we have been delighted to offer a range of opportunities for families to connect, engage, and become part of our school community.

This year, we have hosted coffee mornings, family events, and introduced online family forums. We have also launched a parents' WhatsApp group, where families can share ideas, information about local events, and offer support to one another. It has been wonderful to see new friendships and support networks develop within our Wembley Manor community.

We are also delighted to welcome a new member to the Pastoral Team. April McKenzie has joined us as our full-time Pastoral Assistant. Together, April and I will be available next year to support families with transport applications, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) applications and renewals, Family Fund applications, and the provision of supporting letters where required.

Next year, we are excited to begin working towards the Parent Partnership Award, which recognises schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to working collaboratively with families. We look forward to building on the relationships we have established this year, creating even more opportunities for parents and carers to be involved in school life, and continuing to strengthen our partnership with you.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you all a safe, happy, and relaxing summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year.

Best wishes,

Emmy and April
Pastoral Lead and Pastoral Assistant

Holiday Activities

Community Club Multi-Sport Sessions

Our Community Club in Brent runs weekly inclusive multi-sport sessions.



The club offers a range of inclusive traditional and Paralympic sports including football, basketball, cricket, tennis, boccia and more. Our sports club is open to anyone with a disability aged 8 years and over.

Siblings, parents, carers and support workers can join for free! The club is welcoming, fun and engaging for everyone! Sessions run term time only. Contact dsc@disabilitysportscoach.org.uk for more information.

Location

Willesden Sports Centre, Donnington Road, London, Brent, NW10 3QX

Date and time

14:00 - 16:00

- Saturday, 11 July 2026
- Saturday, 18 July 2026
- Saturday, 25 July 2026
- Saturday, 1 August 2026
- Saturday, 8 August 2026
- Saturday, 15 August 2026
- Saturday, 22 August 2026
- Saturday, 29 August 2026
- Saturday, 5 September 2026
- Saturday, 12 September 2026
- Saturday, 19 September 2026
- Saturday, 26 September 2026
- Saturday, 3 October 2026
- Saturday, 10 October 2026
- Saturday, 17 October 2026
- Saturday, 24 October 2026
- Saturday, 31 October 2026
- Saturday, 7 November 2026
- Saturday, 14 November 2026
- Saturday, 21 November 2026

Prices:

Disability £4 per session

Carers Free

Siblings Free



Holiday Activities

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme provides free holiday provision including healthy food and enriching activities to eligible children and young people in Brent during the school holidays.



HAF programme activities cover 4 days over the Easter and Christmas holidays, and 16 days over the summer holidays for 4 hours each day.

The aims of the programme

The programme is designed to support the physical and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. It encourages them to engage in interactive and fun activities during the holidays, offering children:

- healthy and nutritious meals
- a wide range of fun, physical, and enriching activities
- opportunities to be happy, have fun, and meet new friends
- education and understanding about food, nutrition, and other health-related issues
- activities that support their development
- a safe space for children to interact with others
- access to the right support services
- a return to school feeling engaged and ready to learn.

This programme is funded by the Department for Education, as part of a national scheme.

Holiday Activities

Families eat for less!

Come and experience some of our family friendly restaurants at London Designer Outlet, with exclusive savings across the holidays, including kids eat free in some of our most popular eateries right here in Wembley! Participating restaurants are shown below.



**LONDON
DESIGNER
OUTLET**
WEMBLEY PARK



Restaurant	Offer	T&Cs
Big Moes	Kids Eat 50% off	Not in conjunction with any other offer, 18th July – 5th September.
Churros Buenos	Spend £10, get 10% off	Only on weekdays. Not in conjunction with any other offer.
JRC Global Buffet	Kids Eat for Less	Children under 150cm eat for half price, and children under 90cm eat for free.
Frankie & Benny's	Kids Eat Free	T&Cs apply, see in store for details . Offer not available on event days, 18th July – 5th September.
Las Iguanas	Kids Eat for Free	Must be purchased with an adults meal. Not available with any other promotions except our 241 on drinks. Not valid on both stadium event days, 18th July – 5th September.
TGI	Kids Eat Free	Children up to 12 years old can enjoy a free kids' main meal with the purchase of a full price adult's main meal. Only one redemption per member. Cannot be used with any other offer, voucher, promotion or set menu. See full Terms and Conditions for details., 26th June – 6th September

Diary Dates

Click the calendar for a printable PDF!

On Friday 24th July school is finished for the summer holidays. No school on:

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Back to Wembley Manor on Thursday 3rd September

Academic calendar 2026/27 UK

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Calendar Key Wembley Manor School 2026/27

 = INSET day, school closed to students = school holiday, school closed to students = term time, school open to students **Numbers in red text indicate national bank holidays** = weekend, school closed to students

Summer recap 2026

