



# Wellington Weekly

30th August 2024

## Master's Voice



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Wellington Weekly of the 2024–2025 academic year! For all new families and colleagues to the Wellington community, the 'Weekly' is our regular whole school newsletter that updates everyone on recent events occurring on the campus. Despite the name, we usually circulate the 'Weekly' on a fortnightly basis! As we have doubled in size over the summer break, with pupil numbers now rising to 150 (representing 19 nationalities) and continuing to grow healthily, it is now even more important to keep families updated on the exciting school news.



Well, in the blink of an eye we are nearly in September and, I must confess, as my own years advance I find it staggering how quickly time passes by as the school routines commence. I hope that families have now settled into regular timetables and that pupils are enjoying their school life. August certainly proved to be a hugely exiting and invigorating month! From the new staff induction kicking off on the 1st August, to full staff training on Thursday 8th & Friday 9th in preparation for the start of Term on Monday 12th August, recent weeks have witnessed real enthusiasm for the start of the second year of full operations at WCI Pune. Indeed, while much work always lies ahead, it has been refreshing to observe the start of Term with a more seasoned eye – endeavouring to learn from all the experiences of 2023–2024.



I have certainly been very impressed by how all in the Wellington community have embraced the opportunities of the first few weeks, with pupils and colleagues embarking upon clear academic systems and learning points, whilst always being remarkably temperate of the challenges faced by the inclement weather! It has also been excellent to witness parental involvement and support in school events, inclusive of academic presentations in the auditorium and engaging sessions in Early Years, Juniors and Seniors. With the expansion of school numbers, both pupils and staff, there will undoubtedly be greater opportunities for academic and co-curricular extension in 2024–2025. This will be evident in the final whole school calendar, that is currently being finalised.

I hope that all families have received the Founders' Day invitation, for Saturday 14th September. We will publish the programme in due course but suffice to say that the Founders' Day schedule will involve speeches, music, dancing, commendations and great food & refreshments...in short, a celebration of all things Wellington Pune! We do hope that you are able to attend and look forward to your RSVP by the 4th September (on the e-invite link).

I wish all in the Wellington family a most restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Dr Murray

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# Early Years Coordinator

Dear Early Years Families,

We are delighted to welcome you all to the start of a new Term at Wellington College International Pune. Our community is thriving, with thirteen new families joining us this Term. It is wonderful to see our early years community continue to grow, and I extend a warm welcome to all our new families. I hope you will quickly feel at home here.

I am also excited to introduce two new members of our teaching team. Ms Manpreet Bhatia has joined us in Reception, bringing her warmth and expertise to our Reception class, and Ms Trupti Daniel has joined our Nursery team, where she is already making a positive impact with her nurturing approach. Both Ms Bhatia and Ms Daniel have seamlessly integrated into our community, and we are thrilled to have them with us.



The children have transitioned beautifully into the new Term. They are forming positive relationships with the adults in their lives and are busy making new friendships. It is heartwarming to see the children learning new languages from their peers, as they come from all around the world. This exchange of cultural knowledge enriches our community and highlights the diversity we are so proud of.

Our Key Stage 1 pupils have also embraced the Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) with enthusiasm, discovering new interests and building on their skills outside the classroom. The

CCAs provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore their passions and continue their learning journey in a fun and supportive environment.

In the coming days, more information will be shared with you about our settling-in meetings. These will be a great opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into the new Term and share any thoughts or questions you may have.

*"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!"*

— *Dr. Seuss, Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic year ahead.

Warm regards,

Rashmi Dixon

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# Head of Junior School

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the school campus back to life and busier than ever after a restful break.

We want all children in the Junior School to feel a sense of belonging and ownership in the school and what they do here, so these first few weeks have focused on developing the relationships and bonds needed for the year ahead, affirming existing friendships and making new ones. Children have been learning how to work together effectively as classes and Houses as well as how to take responsibility for their environment.



Today, in our food committee meeting, all pupils gave their input into designing the new lunch and snack menu. Taking responsibility for a healthy lifestyle as well as representing their ideas and preferences. They will soon see a lot of their input reflected in the Dining Room.



Academic learning has got off to a flying start; we are already approaching the end of our first writing unit, with the final, independent pieces being drafted next week.

Thank you for joining us for 'Read and Relax' this morning, where children were able to share some of their new reading skills with you.

Pupils are also making good headway in their first Maths Mastery units and we have been impressed with the skills and determination already displayed.

We have a number of upcoming parent workshops and information sessions to share with you what and how your child is learning with us, beginning next week with information on our Teaching and Learning philosophy and assessment process:

Wednesday 4th September: Our Teaching Philosophy, 3.15pm. Meet in Block B Parent Lounge (opposite the V & A Café). This is a repeat session.

Wednesday 25th September: Junior School Curriculum, 8.15am. Meet in Block B Parent Lounge (opposite the V & A Café).

Wednesday 16th October: Maths Mastery, 3:00pm. Meet in Block A Parent Lounge. This is a repeat session.

We are looking forward to a very exciting term ahead!

Thank you,  
Katie Byrne

# Head of Senior School

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are well. As we come to the end of Week 3, it has been pleasing to reflect on how well the students have settled in thus far. I have been impressed by the way in which students have looked out for one another and how purposeful they have been in the classroom. Long may this continue!



We have an action-packed year ahead of us and we are very keen to build on the work from last year to really push forwards in a number of areas. Fundamentally, our aim is to equip your sons and daughters with the knowledge, skills and values to thrive and flourish at the College and beyond Wellington. In terms of our strategic priorities, we are fully committed to creating an environment where we are:

- Fostering intellectual curiosity and a love of learning, promoting academic inspiration within every student
- Offering transformational opportunities in the co-curricular, where students develop their passions and interests and learn transferable skills such as resilience, teamwork and problem-solving
- Ensuring that students develop a real sense of belonging and commitment to serve others



- Developing leadership and communication skills in all our students
- Facilitating personal and intellectual growth so all our students develop a greater sense of self during their time at the College, embracing a growth mindset where setbacks are seen as learning opportunities
- Providing outstanding pastoral support, enabling students to adopt proactive well-being strategies and expanding their toolkit to navigate the challenges of adolescence.

The College values of respect, kindness, courage, integrity and responsibility lie at the heart of everything that we do, and our College assemblies and well-being sessions will focus strongly on how we can promote these values in the College.

We are incredibly excited about the journey ahead and hope that this academic year will be a very happy and rewarding one for both you as a family and for all Wellingtonians.

We are very much looking forward to the upcoming Founders' Day on Saturday 14th September and I hope that you can join us!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Iain Sutcliffe

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# Events Gallery

## 1st August 2024: Staff Induction and Onboarding Sessions



Prior to the start of the 2024–2025 Academic Year at Wellington College International Pune, we conducted a detailed Induction and Onboarding session to welcome our new employees to the school. They received valuable information on organisational culture, values and standards. The days allowed them to assimilate into the school's expectations, and better understand their role and also how it fits into the wider community. We all enjoyed super sessions, with existing and new staff feeling respected & valued. Here's extending a warm welcome to each one of our new staff members, as they embark on their journey with us at Wellington!

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## 5th & 6th August 2024: New Staff Training & Coaching Sessions



As an instrumental element of our new teachers' induction at Wellington College Pune, we were delighted to offer training sessions in coaching on the 5th & 6th of August. Led by Iain Henderson, Director of the Bridge at Wellington College UK and a Wellington Governor, our new colleagues thoroughly enjoyed the in-depth insights into coaching and the impact this will have on their practice. Expertly assisted by Iain, who has vast experience in developing, embedding and supporting a coaching culture across school communities, the days were a perfect opportunity for new teachers to engage and collaborate in wider themes, serving as an excellent foundation for the academic induction programme later in the week. The partnership between Wellington UK and Wellington Pune was in sharp focus too.

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## Monday 12th August 2024: First Day of Term

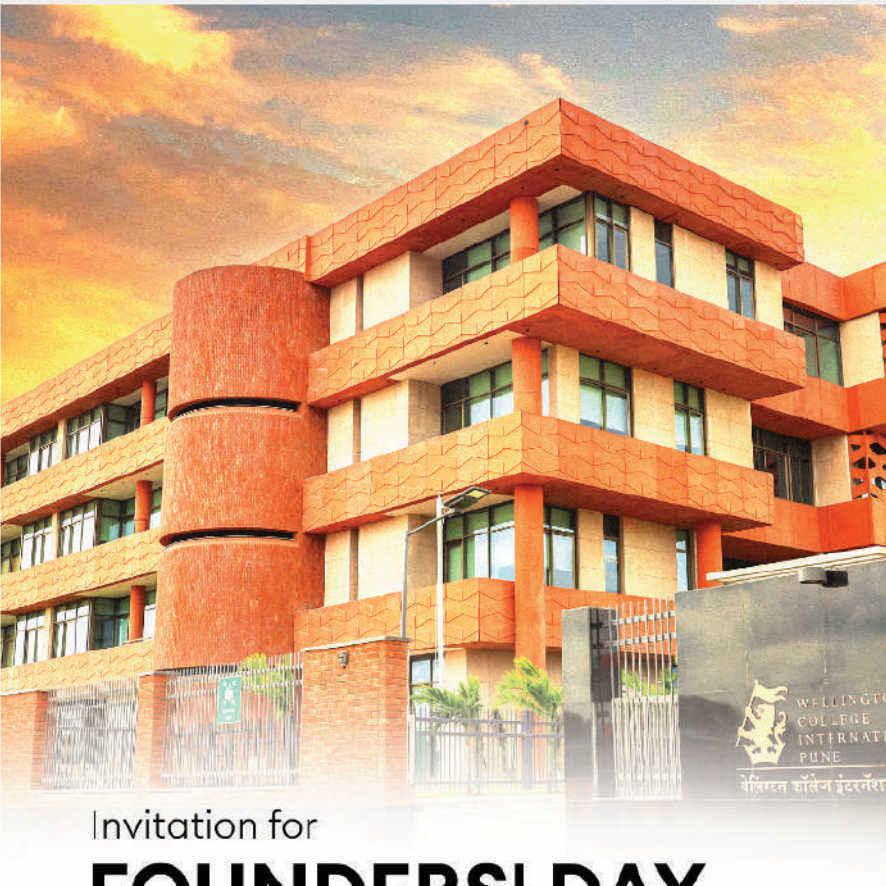


On Monday, 12th August, we welcomed our Wellington pupils for the start of the academic year 2024–2025. After the summer break, our pupils returned ready to embark on a new journey filled with self-discovery and inspirational growth. We look forward to a year of academic excellence, with pupils seizing every opportunity to advance their learning and all-round holistic development – a very exciting year lies ahead!



# Upcoming Event

## Invitation for Founders' Day – Saturday, 14th September 2024



Invitation for  
**FOUNDERS' DAY**



Wellington College International Pune  
invites you to celebrate our

### **FOUNDERS' DAY EVENT**

**Join us as we honour this significant milestone.**

Date: Saturday, 14th September 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Venue: Auditorium, Block B

RSVP by **Wednesday, 4th September 2024**

[Click here to register](#)

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