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Wellington Weekly

News and Updates from the Wellington Community

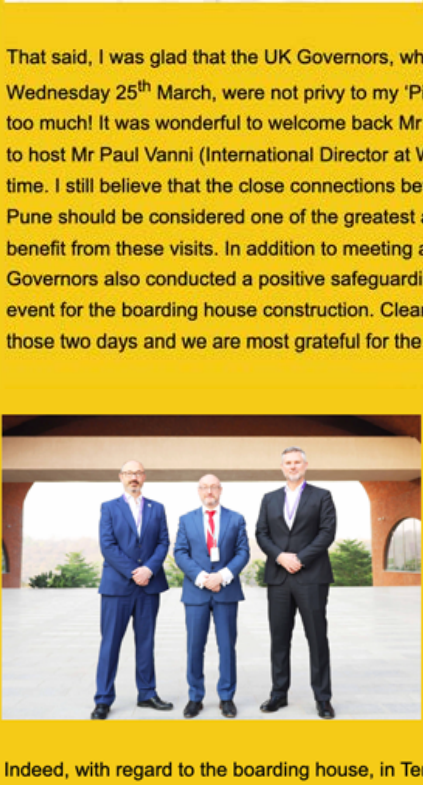
From Master's Desk

Dear Parents and Wellington Community,

Welcome to the last edition of the Wellington Weekly for Term 2 and I know that families will be keenly anticipating the forthcoming break!

It has certainly been a busy last few weeks of Term and, I must confess, I've rather enjoyed matters! In the midst of a frenetic day, last Friday witnessed a further ceremonial 'humiliation' of the Master (all for charity of course) with the 'Pie the Master / Dunking' event. All great fun and I enjoy these occasions – they remind even old-timers like myself that some of the most interesting occasions occur outside the classroom and, furthermore, that the concept of service (and 'giving back') remains central to the Wellington College ethos. I am proud to be associated with such a values-based education and it is important to allow pupils a glimpse into the 'human side' of senior leadership in schools too – although, in my case, I could only 'glimpse' through eyes plastered with shaving foam!

That said, I was glad that the UK Governors, who visited WCI Pune on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March, were not privy to my 'Pie' misfortune – they may have relished it all a touch too much! It was wonderful to welcome back Mr Joel Worrall (International Director at WCI) and also to host Mr Paul Vanni (International Director at WCI and Safeguarding Governor) in Pune for the first time. I still believe that the close connections between Wellington College International and WCI Pune should be considered one of the greatest assets of the school partnership, and we always benefit from these visits. In addition to meeting as many pupils, staff and parents as possible, the Governors also conducted a positive safeguarding review and participated in the 'Ground Breaking' event for the boarding house construction. Clearly, therefore, they experienced a very busy school in those two days and we are most grateful for the time they spent in Pune.



Indeed, with regard to the boarding house, in Term 3 I would like to offer a presentation for families on the timeline of the construction and focus on the essence of boarding school values. It is always excellent to keep families informed, and involved, in such exciting developments and we will circulate a date at the start of next Term. Similarly, as per recent communications, I hope that parents are able to attend a Friends of Wellington introductory session on Friday 17th April; it would be super to welcome as many parents as possible. Also, as a further reminder, please do 'save the date' of Saturday 9th May for the 'Summer Vibe' event to be enjoyed by everyone in the Wellington Pune family. Further details will follow at the start of Term 3.

For the moment though, I wish all families, pupils and colleagues a most restful and refreshing break. It has been a long and rewarding Term and it is essential that everyone has a period of reflection and revitalisation, before the commencement of the final Term of the academic year. I also hope that all Year 11 pupils enjoy a well-earned rest, before embarking upon the preparation for the IGCSE examinations (commencing in late-April).

Thank you for your collective support this Term and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday 15th April!

Best wishes,
Dr Murray Tod

Primary School Community

Dear Primary Parents,

As we approach the end of another busy, successful Term, it is wonderful to reflect on the progress and achievements of our school community. The energy, the learning and the collaboration throughout the classrooms and corridors has been fantastic, and I would like to thank our pupils, staff, and parents for their continued hard work and support.

It has been great to see our pupils' learning come to life through a series of enriching field trips. Last week, Year 4 explored the wonders of discovery on The City Science Trail, while Year 6 took a deep dive into local history and heritage with visits to Shaniwar Wada, Lal Mahal, the Southern Command, and the Aga Khan Palace. This week, the excitement continued as Year 5 enjoyed a hands on interactive experience at the Amazeum Museum. These trips provide invaluable opportunities for our children to connect their classroom studies with the world around them, and we are incredibly proud of the curiosity and exemplary behaviour they showed throughout. Such wonderful ambassadors!

Also, during last week's assembly, our Year 3 historians took us on a captivating journey back to the banks of the Nile. They showcased their understanding of Ancient Egypt, focusing specifically on the fascinating life and legacy of Tutankhamun, and role-played the mummification process, where they guided us through each step of the ritual. The stage was further brought to life with a display of hieroglyphics, as pupils decoded the mysterious symbols of the past. To top it all off, the children performed an Egyptian-themed song. Well done Year 3!

I was fortunate to visit China last week, where I had the opportunity to visit one of our sister schools within the Wellington College China family. Touring the vibrant campus was a wonderful experience that truly brought to life the shared Wellington Identity. These visits are vital in strengthening our global connections, fostering a sense of belonging to a truly international family, and ensuring that our pupils benefit from a world-class network of expertise and collaborative learning.

We believe that learning extends far beyond the four walls of the classroom. To support this, our Co-Curricular Activities programme is designed to spark new interests and develop character. These activities are a core part of the Wellington identity and are an essential element of our weekly timetable for every pupil. Participating in this programme is a wonderful part of our holistic education.

As part of our upcoming Literary Festival, beginning on Monday 20th April, we are excited to launch our Extreme Reading Challenge. Over the Spring Break, we would like to invite all children to take a photograph of themselves reading in an unusual, surprising or imaginative place. This might be somewhere high, low, cosy, adventurous, outdoors, or simply somewhere unexpected. The aim is to celebrate reading in a fun and creative way, showing that books can be enjoyed anywhere. As many families may be travelling over the Spring Break, this could be a wonderful opportunity to capture your child reading in another city or even another country. Whether at an airport, by the sea, in the mountains, with family, or exploring somewhere new, we would love to see reading happening around the world! We look forward to seeing your creative and extreme reading moments.

Looking Ahead to Term 3

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 15th April at 7.45 am. Please note that CCAs will not begin until Monday 20th April. Consequently, the end of the school day on Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, and Friday 17th April will be 3:15 pm for all primary pupils.

Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place the week commencing 27th April. You will receive a letter on Wednesday 15th April with further details regarding how to book your appointment.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable break. I hope you have a wonderful time. We look forward to seeing all pupils return refreshed and ready for an exciting final term.

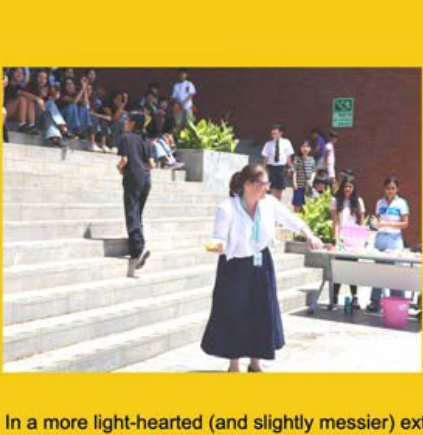
Best regards,
Katherine Kelly

Senior School Community

Dear Senior School Parents,

As we reach the end of my first Term here, I first want to thank you for your support of the school and for your collaboration. It has been super to meet so many of you and to get to know even more about your children. It is a truism that it takes a village to raise a child and your support is invaluable in enabling us to help each pupil learn and grow academically, in their co-curricular pursuits and perhaps most importantly, socially. I look forward to more coffee mornings and opportunities to meet you next Term but please also know that my door is always open and I am here to listen and to support you too.

A particular highlight in the past fortnight has been our Pi Day celebrations, which, in true Wellington spirit, extended far beyond a single day and became a week-long celebration of mathematical curiosity and creativity. The central courtyard was transformed with our striking "Steps of Pi", which pupils thoroughly enjoyed stencilling and chalking out. Pupils also took part in the "Pi Walk Challenge" and "Spaghetti Curves – Sine and Cosine". I was especially impressed by the Pi recitation competition - Year 7 pupils engaged in this particularly enthusiastically! Last week we also celebrated Francophone Day, marked by a vibrant and informative assembly celebrating language and identity, as well as the delicious foods of Francophone nations.



In a more light-hearted (and slightly messier) extension of the theme, the Student Council organised the much-anticipated "Pie the Master" event. Dr Murray was, as ever, a tremendous sport, gamely encouraging pupils and staff to take part, all in support of a charitable cause. I am delighted to share that over Rs 25,000 was raised, reflecting the generosity and spirit of our community and the hard work of our Student Council.

It was also a pleasure to come together this morning for our celebration assembly, where we recognised outstanding academic achievement. The Science and Mathematics Olympiad gold medals (marking the successes earlier this term) finally arrived and were awarded, alongside British Biology Olympiad certificates. Many congratulations to Celeste and Bruna for achieving Bronze, and to Anya for achieving Gold — this really is an extremely tough competition and we are really proud of our Year 12s for this.

I hope that all members of our community are able to enjoy a period of rest and renewal. Thank you, as always, to you for your continued support — it is deeply appreciated.

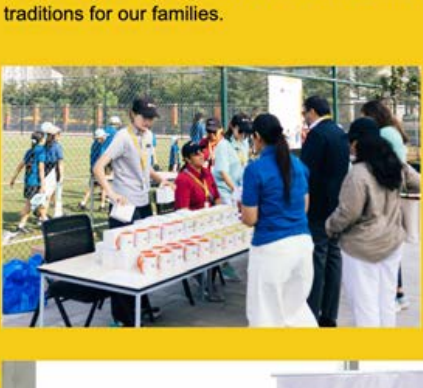
With best wishes for a restful holiday,
Dr Victoria Gardner

Friends of Wellington

Growing Together, Stronger Together

FoW has been instrumental in strengthening our school community, bringing parents closer through meaningful engagement and shared experiences. As a community where every Wellington parent is a valued member, FoW's Core Team works to translate that collective spirit into action — organising events that reflect what we stand for: connection, generosity, and growth.

From the energy of Sports Day to the warmth of our Diwali celebration, the festive spirit of our Christmas Carnival, and the inspiration of International Women's Day, each occasion offered something unique while weaving us closer together. Along the way, we raised funds, made a difference beyond our school walls, and created moments that are fast becoming cherished traditions for our families.



What makes these events truly special is not the events themselves, but the people behind them — parents who show up, contribute, and care. That spirit is what drives FoW forward.

As we look ahead, we are excited about what is still to come. With every member's continued support, FoW's Core Team will keep growing — deepening our impact, expanding our reach, and building a community we are all proud to be part of.

Something Special

Year 2: Field Trip

Friday 13th March 2026

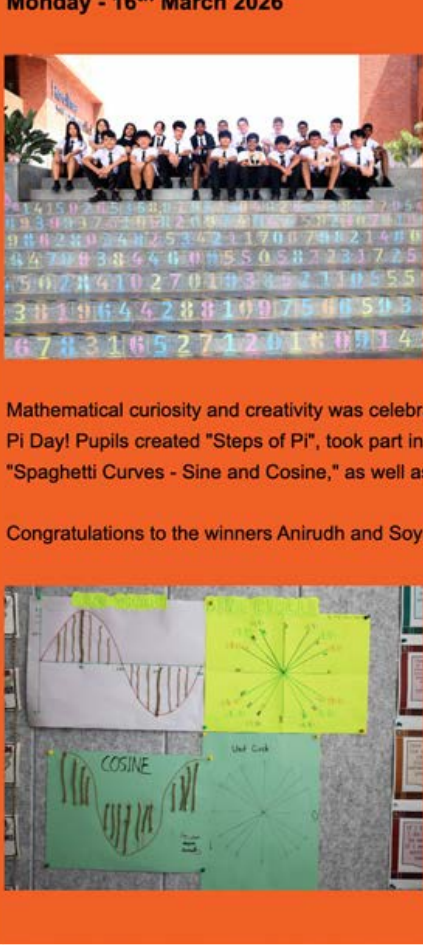
Our Year 2 pupils had a wonderful learning experience during their visit to the Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum. As part of their Science learning on properties of materials, pupils explored a fascinating collection of objects made from wood, metal, clay, stone and textiles.

Seeing these materials used in real historical artefacts helped pupils make meaningful connections between classroom learning and the real world. They observed how different materials are chosen for specific purposes and discussed their properties such as strength, durability and texture.

Field trips play an important role in children's learning. They spark curiosity, deepen understanding through authentic learning experiences, and encourage pupils to ask questions, observe closely and think critically.

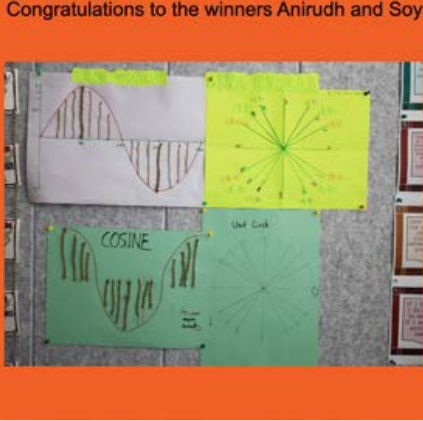
SS: Pi Day Celebration

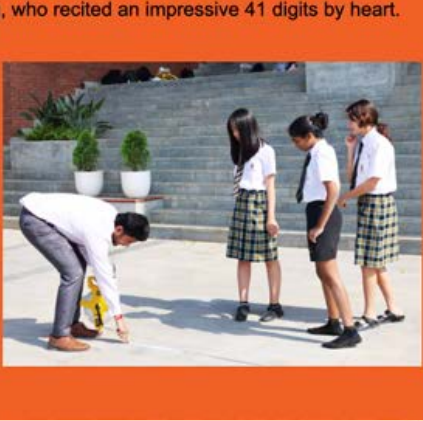
Monday - 16th March 2026



Mathematical curiosity and creativity was celebrated across our campus at WCI Pune for this year's Pi Day! Pupils created "Steps of Pi", took part in mathematical games from "Pi Walk Challenge" to "Spaghetti Curves - Sine and Cosine," as well as our annual "Recite Pi" house challenge.

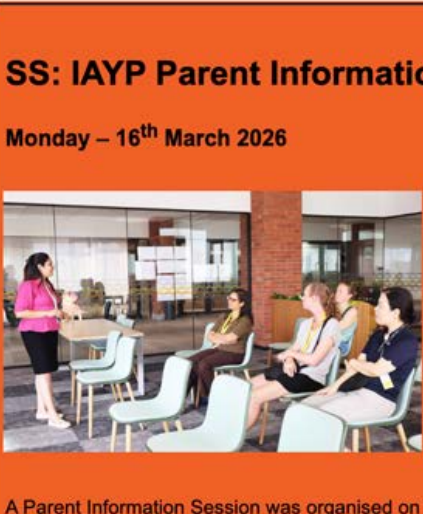
Congratulations to the winners Anirudh and Soyoung, who recited an impressive 41 digits by heart.

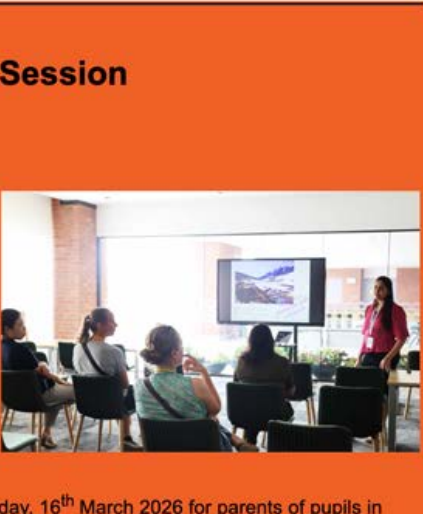




SS: IAYP Parent Information Session

Monday – 16th March 2026





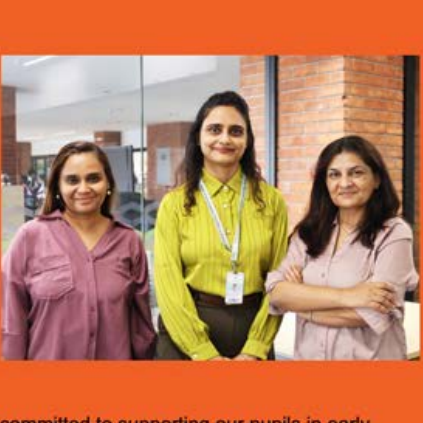
A Parent Information Session was organised on Monday, 16th March 2026 for parents of pupils in Years 9–12 on the International Award for Young People (IAYP) – also known as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The session introduced families to this globally recognised programme, which offers three progressive levels - Bronze, Silver, and Gold - and is designed to support pupils' holistic development alongside their academic studies. Parents were provided with an overview of the programme structure, eligibility criteria, and the wide range of activities through which pupils develop essential life skills such as leadership, teamwork, resilience, and confidence.

The session provided a valuable platform for parents to gain deeper insight into the programme and to have their queries addressed. We look forward to increased participation and continued enthusiasm for the IAYP programme within our school community.

SS: Higher Education Session by The Red Pen

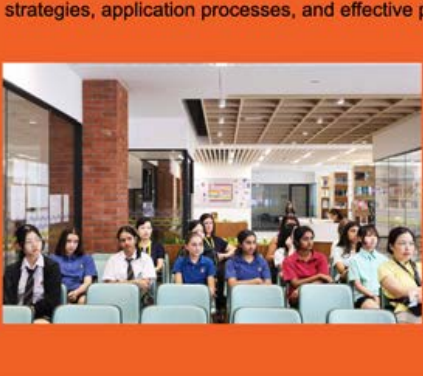
Wednesday - 18th March 2026



At Wellington College International Pune, we remain committed to supporting our pupils in early profile building and informed career pathway planning.

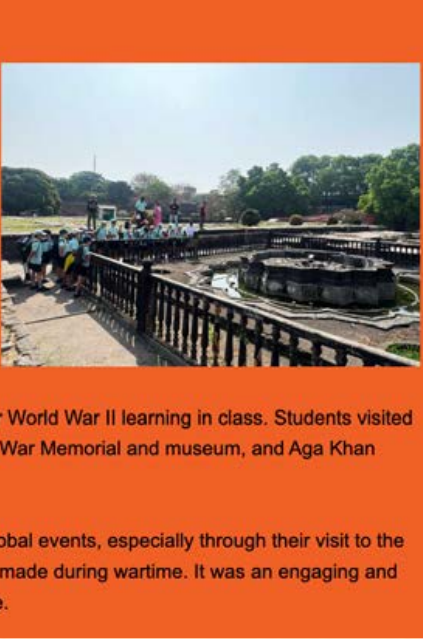
On 18th March 2026, we were pleased to host a Higher Education session for pupils and parents of Years 9 & 10 in collaboration with The Red Pen, an independent global education consulting firm supporting students with international university admissions.

We extend our sincere thanks to The Red Pen for sharing valuable insights on global admissions strategies, application processes, and effective profile building for competitive universities.



Year 6: Field Trip

Wednesday - 18th March 2026



The Year 6 field trip was a wonderful extension of our World War II learning in class. Students visited Shaniwar Wada, Lal Mahal, the Southern Command War Memorial and museum, and Aga Khan Palace.

The trip helped students connect local history with global events, especially through their visit to the war memorial, where they reflected on the sacrifices made during wartime. It was an engaging and enriching experience that brought their learning to life.

Year 4: Field Trip

Friday – 20th March 2026

The Year 4 visit to Pimpri Chinchwad Science Park and Planetarium was truly an enriching and exciting experience. From the journey to exploring the exhibits, everything was well-organised. The hands-on nature of the park encouraged students to explore independently, helping them easily understand concepts and connect them to real-life situations. The organising team (Foliage group) was highly professional and ensured every detail was taken care of seamlessly, making the field trip both enjoyable and meaningful.

SS: "Pie" the Master

Friday - 20th March 2026

A little laughter for a big cause!

Our "Pie the Master" charity event brought smiles, cheers, and plenty of foam-filled fun!

From brave volunteers to enthusiastic participants, every moment was a reminder that giving back can be joyful too. All proceeds go towards a meaningful cause; thank you to everyone who took part!

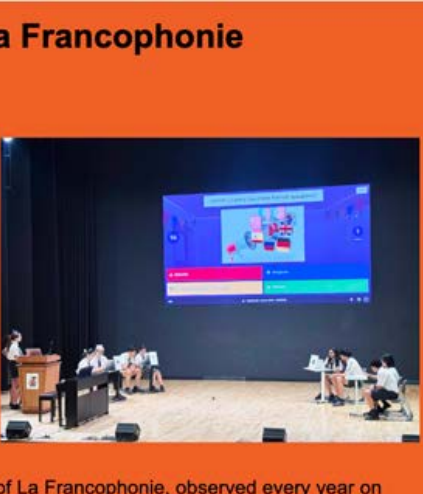
SS: Movie Night

Friday – 20th March 2026

As the senior school pupils concluded their second Term assessments, they enjoyed a relaxed and fun Movie Night at school. There was the beanbag comfort, popcorn, lemonade, and 2 hours of entertainment with amazing movies. The pupils were shown Top Gun (Maverick), Spiderman Multiverse and The Parent Trap, which they absolutely loved.

SS: Celebrating the Day of La Francophonie

Monday - 23rd March 2026

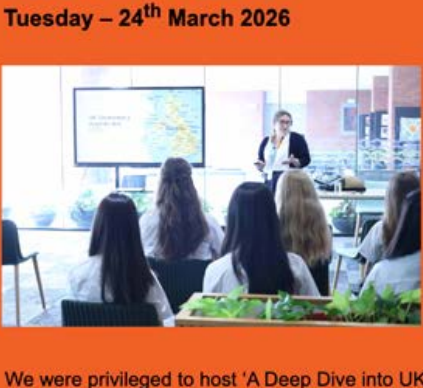


Students of French celebrated the International Day of La Francophonie, observed every year on 20th March, to honour the French language and the rich cultures of the Francophone world. During the assembly, students presented interesting insights into various French-speaking countries, highlighting their traditions, culture, food, and heritage, giving the audience a glimpse into the diversity of the Francophone community across different continents.

The celebration continued with an exciting live Kahoot quiz, where students enthusiastically participated and tested their knowledge of Francophone culture. The assembly concluded on a joyful note as two talented IBDP students performed the iconic French song "Aux Champs-Élysées," bringing the spirit of Paris to life. Pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the celebration, joining in the excitement of the quiz and appreciating the vibrant performances.

Year 11 and 12: Higher Education Session with Dr Victoria Gardner

Tuesday – 24th March 2026



We were privileged to host 'A Deep Dive into UK Universities', led by Dr Victoria Gardner, Head of Senior School, for pupils in Years 11 & 12 and parents on Tuesday 24th March 2026.

The session provided valuable insights into UK universities, highlighting differences in course structure between the UK and the US, academic specialisations, and key factors to consider when choosing the right-fit institution.

Such opportunities play an important role in helping pupils make informed decisions about their future academic pathways. We are grateful to Dr Gardner for sharing her expertise and helping our pupils better understand the key considerations when exploring UK university options.

Board of Governors' Visit

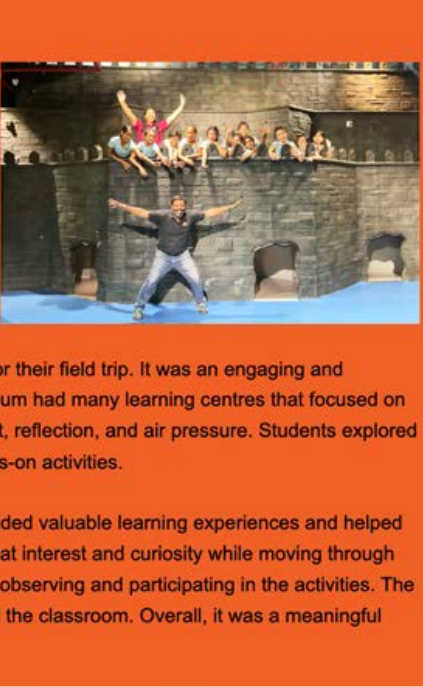
Tuesday - 24th March and Wednesday 25th March 2026

On Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March, WCI Pune had the pleasure of welcoming our Board of Governors to our campus. During their visit, they engaged with both academic and non-academic teams, and spent valuable time interacting with pupils and parents (to foster meaningful conversations around safeguarding).

We were also delighted to conduct a "fire side" chat with two members from the WC International team, offering superb insights into themes such as the benefits of boarding school life and the importance of wellbeing. Watch this space for forthcoming snapshots of the discussion!

Year 5: Field Trip

Wednesday - 25th March 2026



The Year 5 students visited the Amazeum Museum for their field trip. It was an engaging and educational experience for all the children. The museum had many learning centres that focused on different areas of science such as forces, matter, light, reflection, and air pressure. Students explored these concepts through interactive exhibits and hands-on activities.

There were also many other learning areas that provided valuable learning experiences and helped develop important life skills. The children showed great interest and curiosity while moving through the various sections. They spent their time mindfully, observing and participating in the activities. The visit encouraged critical thinking and learning beyond the classroom. Overall, it was a meaningful and enjoyable experience for all the students.

Behind the Scenes

COBIS Conference

Thursday - 12th March and Friday 13th March 2026

Ms Gracy Viegas, our Marketing Manager, recently represented the school at the COBIS Conference for Marketing, Development and Admissions staff, hosted by Wellington College International School Bangkok.

The 2-day conference, with other global international schools in attendance, focused on the importance of human connection in student enrolment, highlighting how meaningful relationships remain at the heart of every family's journey. While exploring the growing role of AI in education and admissions, the overarching theme examined how institutions can thoughtfully balance technological efficiencies with a continued commitment to authentic, personalised engagement.

During the conference, Ms Viegas also connected with colleagues from across the Wellington College family of schools, exchanging best practices and exploring ways to further strengthen collaboration. These discussions reinforced how a unified approach can enhance the experience and shared benefits for both our pupil and parent communities.

The Ground Breaking Ceremony

Wednesday – 25th March 2026

On 25th March 2026, Mr Paul Vanni (Safeguarding Governor) and Mr Joel Worrall (International Director), along with the CEO, Mr Ashutosh Tyagi, Mr Malhar Joshi (the Bursar) and Col. Ravi Rao (Director of Projects and New Initiatives) performed the Ground Breaking Ceremony of our upcoming Boarding House.

This moment signifies the beginning of an exciting new pastoral chapter at WCI Pune, as the school expands and enhances facilities to offer a remarkable holistic, and residential, learning experience for our pupils. As construction begins, we look forward to watching this vision come to life and to welcoming future boarders into a "home from home".

Staff Birthdays

We extend our warmest birthday wishes to Mr Harsh Rohilla and Mr Akshay Ghorpade. May it be a year marked by growth, happiness, and meaningful achievements.

Voices of Wellington

Ms Kasthoorie Kumanan, Assistant Head (Data Analysis), Head of Mathematics, and the KS4 Coordinator offers a reflection on guiding the first IGCSE cohort at WCI Pune, highlighting the journey of building systems and nurturing pupil confidence, especially in Mathematics.

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Forthcoming Events

FoW Introductory Session	Friday - 17th April 2026
Literary Festival	Monday - 20th April 2026 to Thursday - 23rd April 2026
SS: Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultations	Wednesday - 22nd April 2026
SS: Coffee Morning	Friday - 24th April 2026

Video

WCI Pune: Upcoming Boarding House, Opens 2027

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