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Wellington Weekly

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From Master's Desk

Dear Parents and Wellington Community,

I hope that everyone is starting the summer break in high spirits! It has certainly been an invigorating end to Term 3 at the College, with swimming galas and final assemblies to the fore, together with the Speech Day presentation on Thursday 18th June. Well done to all the prize winners – it was wonderful to see them on stage and also to have a joint celebration between Primary and Senior Schools. Furthermore, it was amazing to have a full auditorium (I think this proves that next year we will need to invoke the MPH as the location for big events), and I was so grateful to all families for the lovely reception you gave me and colleagues.

As my end of Term letter will also note, my theme for this final newsletter is one of 'pride' and I hope that everyone in the Wellington College Pune community feels distinct pride in all that they have achieved this academic year. For myself, as I noted yesterday, there's no doubt that Pune and India have been exceptionally kind to me!

I have great respect for all the pupil accomplishments in 2025-2026 – they should derive enormous encouragement and satisfaction from their recent achievements. Furthermore, our Year 11 pupils have just completed their IGCSE examinations – we are incredibly proud of them, our opening cohort, and I commend their 'courage' and amazing endeavours - very well done to our Year 11 pupils!

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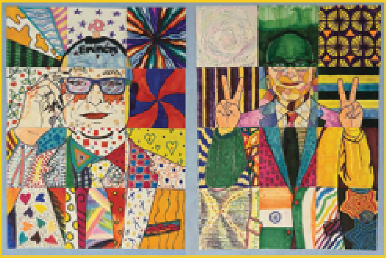
Of course, 2025-2026 has also been (like previous years) a time of opportunity, of development and of growth (in pupil numbers, facilities and building infrastructure). The Primary School has become more embedded in Block A and the Seniors have really grown into the new spaces in Blocks C and D. When everyone returns in August 2026, it will be tremendous to have the new Music Department in operation, and the Black Box Theatre open and areas like the Multi-Media Lab & Maker Space fully functioning. Very exciting times lie ahead – coupled to the ongoing Boarding House construction (due for completion in May 2027).

As always, I would like to thank all parents, pupils and colleagues for their trust and loyalty in Wellington – it is hugely appreciated. I continue to be so grateful to all Founding Wellington parents and to everyone involved in the Friends of Wellington society – we have kicked matters on and next year promises to be great! I do want to thank all my departing colleagues and leaving families &

pupils too. You have all been incredible at creating the culture that we know of as Wellington & I'm so proud to know you. Thank you to my fellow August 2023 founding parents and colleagues too, who have walked this road from then & enjoyed all the pleasures & pitfalls of founding a new school.

To return to my central theme, I am most proud of all the pupils over the past 4 years, each and every one of them, for contributing to the Wellington ethos and culture. As is clear in Wellington College Annual Reviews and inspection reports, Wellington College Pune pupils appear genuinely happy and I am so glad for that. They are also hugely kind and considerate, and they have demonstrated that by gifting me such delightful Primary School and Senior School cards and even Flash Mobbing me with an amazing version of I'm Going Be 500 Miles (by the Scottish Band the Proclaimers)! I've been genuinely touched and so impressed - what a remarkable and talented group of young people we have here. I will miss them deeply and I am so grateful to them for all their contributions to school life over the past few years.



I wish the very best of fortune to Mr Nigel Fossey, and his family, as he assumes the running of Wellington College Pune. He will be quite superb and is a perfect fit for moving Wellington Pune upwards and onwards. He is a massively talented and experienced Headmaster, and I am truly delighted that Mr Fossey has been appointed. I look forward to working with him further on the final stages of the transition.

I arrived in Pune in September 2022 and it has been an honour to help found and lead Wellington College Pune; I know the school is on the pathway to great success. I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to work in India and I am indebted to Mr Anuj Aggarwal, my Chairman, and the wider Wellington Governing body, for their support and sage guidance.

I wish everyone involved with Wellington College International Pune every success for the future and also a very restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of next academic year on Monday 10th August!

Best wishes and take care!
Dr Murray Tod

Primary School Community

Dear Primary Parents,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year. It is hard to believe we have reached the end of the year, especially with how busy these last few weeks have been. Our school has been buzzing with energy, from the wonderful celebrations at Speech Day and the achievements on display during our Learning Showcases, to the excitement of Moving Up Morning and the fantastic team spirit at our swimming galas.

This milestone also marks the completion of my very first year with this wonderful school community. The time has flown incredibly quickly and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of getting to know your children and working alongside you. This year has been all about building strong foundations, foundations that we will firmly build upon to reach even greater heights next year.

Connecting global classrooms continues to bring learning to life for our Year 5 children. Last week, they took part in an exciting online meet up with their pen pals from Wellington College China, Hangzhou. This virtual gathering gave the children a wonderful opportunity to learn more about each other's daily lives and discover how school experiences differ across the world. The children eagerly shared stories about their favorite subjects and school life building meaningful cross-cultural friendships in the process. It was fantastic to see our pupils use their communication skills in such a real world context, and we look forward to watching these international connections grow throughout the next school year.

Our school community recently came together for an incredible series of swimming galas, showcasing the talent and determination of children from Reception all the way through to Year 6. From our youngest swimmers gaining confidence in the water to our older pupils executing impressive racing techniques, the events were a resounding success. A massive thank you goes to our dedicated PE team and swimming coaches, whose planning and encouragement made these memorable days possible for everyone.

Last Friday, we held our final celebration assembly of the school year. It was a wonderful opportunity for the entire primary school from Pre-Nursery to Year 6 to come together, celebrate our achievements, say a fond goodbye to departing pupils and staff and look ahead to the next academic year. A huge thank you to the Ukulele and Drum Clubs and the Musical Theatre group for their fantastic performances.

Our recent 'Moving Up Morning' brought plenty of excitement as the children prepared for the next step in their academic journey. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to meet their new class teachers and visit their new classroom, For the teachers who have not yet arrived in Pune, the children received a special, personalised video message. This transition event successfully eased any nerves, leaving our children feeling confident and eager for the adventures ahead.

On Tuesday, our school buzzed with pride during our Learning Showcases. We were absolutely delighted to welcome parents into the classrooms to experience firsthand the incredible work the children have produced this term. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to browse through books, admire the classroom displays, and celebrate the academic progress made across all subjects. The children thoroughly enjoyed guiding you through their favourite projects and explaining their learning journeys. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for making this showcase such a meaningful and memorable event.

Our Year 6 Moving Up Assembly provided a moving and fitting way to mark the end of our oldest pupils' time in primary school. The event served as a celebration of their hard work, personal growth and memorable milestones over the year. It was a proud moment for me to officially hand them over to the senior school, knowing they are fully prepared for the exciting challenges ahead. We wish our Year 6 graduates the absolute best of luck as they step into this next chapter of their education.

Yesterday's Speech Day was a wonderful whole school event that perfectly celebrated the incredible achievements of our community. While specific awards recognised individual successes, the day truly honored the hard work, growth and development of every single Primary School pupil. It was truly a wonderful way to bring the school year to a memorable and inspiring close.

As we close this chapter, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who makes our school so special. First, a heartfelt thank you to our incredible children. Your hard work, curiosity, bright smiles and boundless enthusiasm have brought so much joy to our school every single day. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved.

Thank you to our incredible pupil leaders for their outstanding dedication and hard work. Our House and Vice House Captains have done a phenomenal job boosting team spirit and leading by example in every school event. The School Council has truly amplified pupil voice, bringing brilliant ideas to life to improve our daily school experience. Our dedicated Eco Team has worked tirelessly to protect our environment, spearheading green initiatives that make our campus cleaner and more sustainable. We are immensely proud of your leadership, passion, and the positive legacy you have left on our school community this year.

To the children, families and staff who are leaving our school community, we wish you the very best of luck in your next chapters. You will always be a part of our story, and we bid you a fond farewell. To the families and staff returning, we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year when we see you in August.

A very special farewell goes to our Founding Master, Dr Tod who is leaving us after four remarkable years. He was here before our physical building even stood, holding the vision for what our community could become. Thank you for your leadership, your endless dedication and for guiding our school into the thriving, joyful community it is today. Your legacy will inspire us for years to come

Looking ahead, we are incredibly excited to welcome many new families and staff members to our community in the new academic year as we continue to grow our wonderful school family.

That is a wrap for this year. Time for us all to go and make some amazing summer memories!

I wish you all a wonderful and restful summer holiday.

Best wishes,
Ms. Katherine Kelly

Senior School Community

Dear Senior Parents,

As we reach the end of the academic year, it is a fitting moment to reflect on all that has been achieved across the Senior School. From the classroom to the sports field, the stage, the swimming pool and beyond, our pupils have embraced opportunities with enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to challenge themselves. We are proud not only of their academic progress, but also of the kindness, leadership and sense of community they have demonstrated throughout the year.

This week's Swimming Gala was a wonderful way to conclude the term. It was particularly pleasing to see so many pupils participating and supporting one another, whether competing in races, cheering from the poolside or helping to organise events. The atmosphere was one of determination and House spirit, and my thanks go to the PE and Swimming teams for organising such an enjoyable occasion.

The end of the year also brings farewells. We wish all departing pupils every success as they move on to new schools and new opportunities. They have made valued contributions to the life of the College and will always remain part of the Wellington community. We also say goodbye to colleagues who are leaving us this summer. On behalf of the Senior School, I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our pupils. We wish them every happiness and success in the next chapter of their journeys.

While there is naturally some sadness in saying goodbye, there is also much to look forward to. August will see us welcome new pupils, new staff and new opportunities. We are particularly excited by the continued development of our Senior School facilities and the creation of our dedicated Key Stage 3 area around the Level 1 Atrium, as well as The Black Box and the Music rooms.

For now, I hope that all members of our community enjoy a well-earned summer break. May it be a time for rest, adventure, family and friendship. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in August for another year of learning, growth and opportunity.

Best wishes,
Dr Victoria Gardner

Friends of Wellington (FoW)

Reflecting on a year of growth at FoW Pune

We are deeply grateful for the diverse community and meaningful connections built together. Serving FoW required patience and collaboration, but our true reward has been seeing parents getting actively involved.

From bridging communication gaps to celebrating at the Summer Unity Party - International Carnival, this year brought immense growth and lasting bonds. The 2025/26 FoW Core Team—Mabel, Sabiya, Chaturi, Jisun, Karishma, Kira and Lindsay—want to express our deepest gratitude to our Founding Master, Dr Tod, who has been with us every step of the way. We also want to sincerely thank you all for being part of our journey. We leave with absolute confidence in FoW's future, ready for next year with all new faces, but the same unstoppable drive.

Regards,
Friends of Wellington

What's New

Mr Niraj Ray

Project Engineer

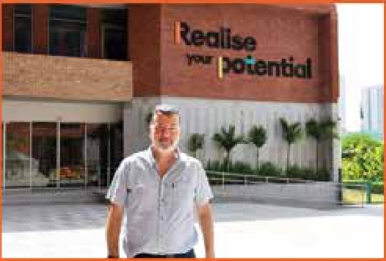
Mr Niraj Ray has joined WCI Pune as a Project Engineer. He brings valuable experience with him and confirms that his vision as an engineer aligns with the value-led workspace and purpose-built infrastructure at our school.

As Project Engineer, he oversees construction activities, including our upcoming Boarding House building, ensuring that every stage of the project is delivered safely and in the pupils' best interest. Working closely with consultants, contractors and various stakeholders, he will help bring to life the world-class learning, boarding, sports, and recreational facilities that will define the WCI Pune campus.

Something Special

Mr Richard Atherton's Visit to WCI Pune

Monday – 8th June 2026 to Friday – 12th June 2026



WCI Pune welcomed Mr Richard Atherton, Director of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) at Wellington College, UK, on Monday, 8th June 2026. With over 35 years of experience in international education, Mr Atherton is widely recognised as one of the leading voices in IB education. We were delighted to host him as he officially opened our inaugural Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition and spent time engaging with our current IBDP students.

Throughout his visit, Mr Atherton immersed himself in the life of the school. He met with pupils and staff, observed lessons across a range of subjects, held discussions with academic leaders and teachers. He also provided valuable guidance on curriculum development, university pathways and the continued growth of our IB Diploma Programme.

Mr Atherton met with parents during an interactive Q&A session, where he shared insights into the strengths of an IB education, its relevance in preparing young people for an ever-changing world, and its role in supporting applications to leading universities across the globe.

His visit was an invaluable opportunity for our community to benefit from his expertise and further strengthen the close relationship between Wellington College UK, and WCI Pune.

SS : TOK Exhibition

Monday – 8th June 2026

On 8th June, the Year 12 Class presented the much-awaited TOK Exhibition. This event is a key component of Theory of Knowledge and a milestone in the IB Diploma. Through three real-world objects and a chosen prompt, students explored how TOK manifests in the world around us.

The objects were taken from around the globe and across time and invited the visitors to look at the complex and fascinating aspects of sometimes simple things. From gloves as evidence to underground publications and disputed treaties, this exhibition had it all. Visitors were left surprised, intrigued, and with new views on the world around them. A special highlight was a visit from Mr Richard Atherton, IB Director from The Wellington College in the UK, who was equally engaged by our presenters.

Congratulations to all of Year 12 for a job well done, and thank you to all who attended.

SS - First IGCSE Cohort

Tuesday - 9th June 2026

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Our very first IGCSE cohort has officially completed their examinations!

It was wonderful to celebrate this milestone with our Year 11 pupils and parents. They have worked incredibly hard over the past two years and have approached the examination period with resilience and determination.

We are so proud of everything our pupils have accomplished and it was a privilege to celebrate their achievement alongside them. We look forward to continuing to celebrate and make memories with them during their final days as our "Year 11" pupils.

PS : Parent Information Session

Thursday – 11th June 2026

On Thursday 11th June, Miss Rashmi hosted a Reception to Year 1 Parent Information Session, providing families with an opportunity to learn more about how Wellington supports children as they move from the Early Years Foundation Stage into Key Stage 1.

The transition to Year 1 is an important milestone, and the session focused on how the school ensures that children experience this next step with confidence, familiarity and a continued sense of belonging. Parents learned about the carefully planned transition process, including opportunities for children to meet their new teacher, visit their new classroom and become familiar with new routines before the start of the academic year.

The session also highlighted the many aspects of learning that continue seamlessly from Reception into Year 1. While children begin to take on greater responsibility and independence, they continue to benefit from nurturing relationships, engaging learning experiences and a strong focus on wellbeing. By building on the foundations established in Reception, Year 1 provides a supportive environment where children can continue to grow as confident, curious and capable learners.

The school values the strong partnership between home and school and looks forward to working closely with families to ensure every child enjoys a positive and successful transition into Year 1.

SS : Higher Education Session

Friday – 12th June 2026, Wednesday – 17th June 2026

On 12th June, pupils from Years 10, 11, and 12 attended an insightful Higher Education session on Global Opportunities in Music, conducted by Mr Olav Hekala (Head of Music).

The session introduced pupils to the diverse range of career pathways available within the music industry, extending beyond performance to areas such as music production, composition, sound engineering, music technology, arts management, and the music business. Pupils also gained valuable insights into studying music at university and exploring the global opportunities available to aspiring musicians and industry professionals.

On 17th June 2026, our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils participated in an engaging session on Passion Projects, led by Ms Priyanka Sharma (Higher Education Officer). The session encouraged students to explore how pursuing genuine interests beyond the classroom can help develop creativity, initiative, leadership, and problem-solving skills.

Students learned how meaningful, long-term projects can showcase their unique strengths and interests while helping them stand out in future university applications. They were also encouraged to view passion projects as opportunities for personal growth, self-discovery, and making a meaningful impact within their communities.

SS : Year 11 IGCSE Art Exhibition

Friday – 12th June 2026

The Year 11 IGCSE Art Exhibition celebrated the creativity, dedication and artistic growth of our students as they showcased the culmination of two years of study. Parents, peers and staff were invited to explore a diverse collection of paintings, sculptures, mixed media works and installations, each demonstrating a unique artistic voice.

Every student presented two major projects: a coursework component exploring the theme of Culture & Identity and an independently developed examination project based on a personally chosen theme. Through extensive research, experimentation and refinement, students transformed initial ideas into ambitious final outcomes that reflected both technical skill and meaningful personal expression.

The exhibition highlighted not only the exceptional standard of work produced by our first IGCSE Art cohort, but also the resilience, curiosity and commitment required throughout the creative process. We are incredibly proud of all six students and congratulate them on this significant achievement!

SS : CAS Exhibition

Friday – 12th June 2026

Our Year 12 IBDP students proudly showcased the culmination of their CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) Project during the CAS Project Exhibition held at Wellington College International Pune today. As part of their commitment to making a meaningful difference within the community, students designed and handcrafted a beautiful collection of clay creations, demonstrating creativity, perseverance, collaboration, and social responsibility. Visitors had the opportunity to view and purchase these unique pieces, with all proceeds being donated to a local NGO, further extending the positive impact of the project beyond the school community.

SS : Wellington Gratitude Initiative: Celebrating Our Unsung Heroes

Friday – 12th June 2026

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This Term, students participating in the Wellington Gratitude Initiative (Service CCA) embarked on a meaningful project to recognise and appreciate the many individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our school a welcoming, safe, and nurturing environment.

Through thoughtful discussions and reflection, students identified the often-overlooked members of our community, including our kitchen staff, gardeners, security team, housekeeping staff, and administrative support teams. They then designed and created personalised thank-you cards, many written in Hindi and Marathi, ensuring that every message of appreciation could be understood and enjoyed by its recipient.

As part of the initiative, students also created the 'Welly Gratitude Wall', a permanent display celebrating the invaluable contributions of our support staff. The project culminated in the distribution of appreciation tokens and heartfelt messages, offering students an opportunity to express their gratitude directly to those who contribute so much to daily life at Wellington.

More than an act of kindness, this initiative encouraged students to develop empathy, service-mindedness, and a deeper appreciation for the people whose dedication often goes unnoticed. It served as a powerful reminder that a strong community is built not only on achievement, but also on gratitude, respect, and recognising the value of every individual.

We are incredibly proud of our students for leading this initiative with such thoughtfulness, compassion, and genuine appreciation.

WS : Swimming Galas

Tuesday – 9th June 2026 to Thursday – 11th June 2026,
Wednesday – 17th June 2026 and Thursday – 18th June 2026

What incredible days of determination, teamwork, and sporting excellence at our annual Swimming Galas! Our pupils showcased outstanding talent, resilience, and enthusiasm as they competed in a series of exciting races, cheered on by their peers, staff, and families.

From thrilling finishes to personal bests, every participant demonstrated the true spirit of sportsmanship and perseverance. We are immensely proud of all our swimmers for their hard work and commitment both in and out of the pool.

Swimming Gala

A huge congratulations to our winning Houses:

Primary School Champions: Apsley House
Senior School Champions: Anglesey House

Their remarkable performances, teamwork, and dedication helped secure these well-deserved victories.

Well done to every pupil who took part and contributed to making the event such a memorable success. Thank you to our staff, organisers, and supporters who helped make the day possible. Here's to celebrating achievement, building confidence, and inspiring a lifelong love of sport!

PS : Learning Showcase

Tuesday – 16th June 2026

Our Primary School celebrated creation and education during the recent Learning Showcase arranged for parents. The pupils had a proud time showcasing their learning and work in front of their parents.

From artwork and creative projects to reflections on their learning journey, every display told a story of growth and curiosity. The morning was made even more special as families connected over conversations and refreshments, celebrating not just what our pupils have learned, but how much they have experienced with their strength.

WS : Speech Day

Thursday – 18th June 2026

Speech Day is now a Wellington College International Pune tradition, bringing the entire community together to celebrate the high points of the academic year.

WCI Pune's 2025-2026 Speech Day proved to be a memorable celebration, featuring inspiring speeches, the presentation of awards and outstanding musical performances by our Primary Choir and Senior School bands.

It was wonderful to witness a packed auditorium and the overwhelming pride of our Wellington community in commending all the achievements of 2025-2026. It was a super day to be a Wellingtonian in Pune!

Behind the Scenes

Staff Birthdays

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Many happy returns to Mr Sai, Ms Mayuri, and Mr Rahul on their birthdays! We wish them good health, happiness, and continued success in the year ahead. May their special day be filled with joy, and we thank them for their valued contributions to the WCI Pune community.

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