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Master’s Message

September has been a month of milestones at Wellington College International Pune.

Our Founders' Day celebrations provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how far we have come as a school community. From inspiring pupil performances to the celebration of our inaugural GCSE and IBDP cohorts, the occasion captured the spirit, ambition and warmth that make Wellington so special.

This month also saw our very first Scholars' Dinner, a landmark event recognising academic excellence, intellectual curiosity and a love of learning. I am certain this will become one of the College's most cherished traditions.

Beyond the classroom, our pupils proudly represented Wellington at the ISSO Swimming Championships for the first time, marking an important step in our growing participation in inter-school sport. We were equally delighted to see the election of our Friends of Wellington committee, strengthening the partnership between school and families and helping to build an even stronger sense of community.

Further afield, Wellington was represented at the TAISI Conference in Goa, where school leaders from across India came together to explore the future of education and human flourishing.

Taken together, these milestones reflect a school growing in confidence, reputation and purpose. We are building traditions, opportunities and a community that will enrich the lives of generations of Wellingtonians to come.

Many Thanks,
Mr Nigel J Fossey MBE

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Head of Primary School

Over the last few weeks, excitement has been building across the primary school as pupils campaigned and voted in our pupil leadership elections. These roles are an important part of school life, giving children the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, have their voices heard and make a positive contribution to our community.

We have been incredibly impressed by the number of pupils who chose to stand for election. Children prepared speeches shared their ideas and demonstrated great courage by putting themselves forward for their peers' consideration. We would like to congratulate all of the pupils who were successfully elected to leadership roles and wish them every success as they begin representing their peers and contributing to school improvement.

We would also like to recognise and thank every child who took part in the election process but was not elected on this occasion. Standing for election requires confidence and resilience and the experience itself is a valuable learning opportunity. Through this process, pupils have developed skills in public speaking, perseverance, self-reflection and respectful participation in a democratic process.

We are immensely proud of all the children who took part. Their enthusiasm, maturity and commitment to making a positive difference to our school community have been wonderful to see. Well done to everyone involved.

Many Thanks,
Ms Katherine Kelly

Head of Senior School

It is a truism that AI is transforming education and the workplace, bringing with it benefits and drawbacks. In the Senior School, teachers are testing ways to deepen pupils' intellectual experience while simultaneously preparing them for the future in new and exciting ways.

Alongside, we are committed to developing pupils’ distinctly human skills to equip them for tomorrow’s world.
Leadership is thriving: new pupils from every year group have been elected to Student Council, and as House Captains and Vice-Captains. Year 12 and Year 8 students respectively have embarked on new CAS and social leadership initiatives, Duke of Edinburgh award is flourishing and Model UN students will participate in Bangalore's Yale MUN in November. Next week sees the call for auditions for the 2027 Musical (the choice is a closely guarded secret)! Pupils are developing communication, collaboration, critical thinking and crucially, resilience.

To help every pupil further identify and reflect on individual goals and aspirations, we are delighted to be launching Unifrog, an extensive careers and universities platform in the coming weeks.

In an uncertain world, our deliberate intention is that every pupil has the knowledge, confidence and breadth of experience to take an active part in shaping the future.

Many Thanks,
Dr Victoria Gardner

THANK YOU
TEACHERS

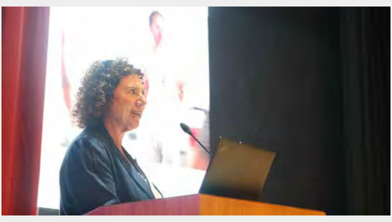
Teacher’s Day Celebration

Friday – 4th September 2026

Celebrating our teachers with a little time to pause, recharge and feel appreciated.

Our Teachers’ Day celebrations began with a small gesture of appreciation – a little something to remind our teachers how much their hard work, care and dedication mean to our Wellington community.

The celebrations then continued with a Yoga & Wellbeing Session, giving our teachers and staff a chance to slow down, unwind and take some time for themselves. The session was facilitated by Ms Kirsty Anderson, EY Lead and a Certified Yoga Instructor.



Senior School : Summer School Programme Sessions with Ms Rachel Loaring

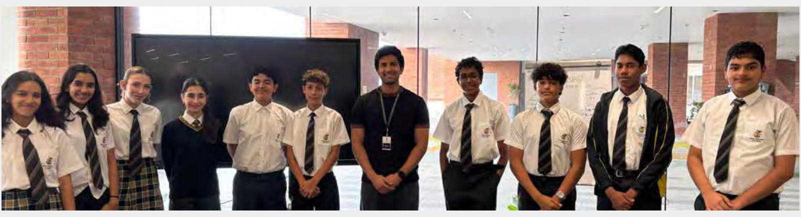
Thursday – 3rd September 2026 and Friday – 4th September 2026

Our school prepares pupils to look beyond the classrooms and towards new possibilities!

We hosted Ms Rachel Loaring earlier last month. She brought with her the details of the renowned Wellington's Summer School Programme for Year 8 and Year 11 & 12. Her sessions opened our pupils and parents to new opportunities and possibilities.

The sessions explored how summer schools can broaden horizons and encourage pupils to discover new interests and experiences. For our Year 11 and 12 pupils, the conversation also focused on exploring paths that can support their transition to higher education and help them approach their university journey with greater confidence and awareness.

A valuable opportunity for our pupils and parents to look ahead, explore possibilities and think beyond the classroom.



Senior School: Medicine Talk with Mr Abhishek Sivakumar

Friday – 4th September 2026

It was a pleasure to welcome Abhishek Sivakumar, a third-year Medicine student at UCL, for an engaging Higher Education session with pupils from Years 10–13 interested in pursuing Medicine.

Abhishek shared valuable insights into medical school life, the university application process and different specialisation pathways, while giving pupils the opportunity to ask questions and gain practical advice.

Such sessions are invaluable in broadening pupils' horizons, offering real-world perspectives and empowering them to make informed decisions about their future Higher Education and career pathways.

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Senior School: Pupil Participation at ISSO Swimming Championship

Friday - 11th September 2026

We are delighted and proud to announce our debut at the ISSO Swimming Championship, held at Balewadi Stadium, Pune. Apolline Vantomme (Year 7) and Berta Pascual Bosch (Year 10) proudly represented the College at the Championship, which brought together 749 young swimmers from 153 schools across India.

Huge congratulations to Apolline for her outstanding achievements:

Bronze Medal in the 50m Freestyle

6th place in the 50m Breaststroke

8th place in the 50m Backstroke

This standout performance marks an exciting beginning for Wellington's ISSO journey, reflecting our growing sporting ambition and dedication to providing meaningful competitive opportunities for our pupils.

Leadership Dinner with our First IGCSE Graduation Cohort

Friday - 11th September 2026

This year, our pioneering IGCSE cohort completed an important chapter of their Wellington journey–marking a significant moment in the history of Wellington College International Pune.

To recognise the occasion, our pupils came together for an evening with school leaders, faculty and guests, including Mr Nigel James Fossey MBE, Dr Victoria Gardner, Ms Katherine Kelly, Ms Kasthoorie Kumanan, Ms Janki Kadakia, Mr Anuj Aggarwal, Mr James Dahl and Mr Joel Worrall.

There were conversations, laughter and reflections on the journey so far–an evening shared by the pupils and the people who have supported them along the way.

As our first IGCSE cohort, they have helped shape a tradition that future Wellingtonians will follow.

A first chapter, and one to remember.

J. Fossey MBE

Third Founders’ Day

Saturday – 12th September 2026

We celebrated our Third Founders’ Day that brought together the Wellington community for a memorable celebration. It was indeed a wonderful celebration of the pupils and milestones that make our community what it is.

We were delighted to welcome Mr James Dahl, Master, Wellington College, UK and Mr Joel Worrall, International Director, Wellington College International, alongside Mr Naval Kishore Ram, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, PMC; Dr Triveni Goswami Mathur, Educator and Media Professional.

Celebrating the culture of Pune, the event began with the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, setting the tone for an event filled with music, dance and celebration of our fourth academic year. A particularly proud moment was the presentation of IGCSE and Scholarship certificates to our outstanding pupils. There were beautiful performances by our pupils, ranging from Indian Ensemble and Marathi poetry recitation to choir and energetic vocal performances. We were also proud to celebrate important milestones, including presenting certificates to our very own Wellington Scholars. It was especially lovely to hear from our student body representatives, the Head Boy and Head Girl and the friends of Wellington shared what adding a personal touch to the celebration. A particularly proud moment was the presentation of IGCSE and Scholarship certificates to our outstanding pupils.

As the celebrations continued, parents and pupils had a great time from Lagori and traditional games to rangoli making and mandala painting. It was wonderful to see pupils, parents, staff and guests come together, participate and enjoy the spirit of the day.

Senior School: Year 7 Skills Trip

Thursday – 17th September 2026

The 7 Skills Trip – Climbing Wall gave pupils an opportunity to develop their confidence, resilience and teamwork through an engaging climbing activity. Pupils were encouraged to challenge themselves, support their peers and demonstrate perseverance while following safety instructions. The session provided a positive opportunity to develop skills beyond the classroom in a fun and supportive environment.

Senior School: Higher Education Session with University of York

Our Senior School's Higher Education session was a packed event! Many thanks to Mr Stephen Levett from the University of York (UK) , who led a thought-provoking session for would-be lawyers from Years 7 to 13, covering a case that began with a garden chair and ended up dealing with trespass and criminal law!

Language of UCAS

Senior School: Higher Education session with Tim Rothwell

Friday – 18th September 2026

We were pleased to have Mr Tim Rothwell, Director of Higher Education, Wellington College UK, join us online for an engaging Higher Education session with pupils of Years 11 and 12.
The session provided pupils with valuable insights into the UK higher education landscape and helped them think more purposefully about their university journey, from exploring opportunities to building a strong application.

Mr Rothwell addressed key areas including:

- Choosing the Right University and Course
- Understanding UCAS and Admissions
- Building a Strong Application

A sincere thank you to Mr Rothwell for sharing his expertise and supporting our pupils as they begin to shape their future path ways.

Primary School: Inter-House Football Tournament

Tuesday – 22nd September 2026 and Thursday – 24th September 2026

The Primary School Inter-House Football Tournament brought together pupils from Years 3–6 for an exciting display of enthusiasm, teamwork and sporting spirit. The event saw energetic participation across all year groups, with pupils representing their Houses with great pride and determination. The closely contested matches produced some excellent individual and team performances, with final House positions reflecting the competitive nature of the tournament. Most importantly, the event provided every pupil with a positive and enjoyable competitive sporting experience.

Winner - Raglan

Runners-up - Anglesey

3rd Place - Apsley

4th Place - Benson

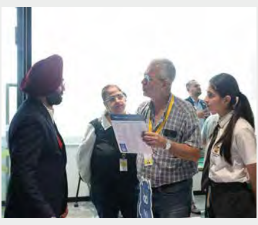
Best Goalkeeper - Aaryaveer Patil - Raglan

Best Player - Theodore Coursimault - Raglan

Most Promising Player - Aarav Rathore - Anglesey

Best Defender - Devansh Bali - Apsley

Upcoming Player - Joshua Gutura - Raglan



Senior School: US Universities Engagement

Wednesday – 23rd September and Thursday – 24th September 2026

Two days of US university engagement at Wellington College International Pune!

On 23 September, our pupils had the opportunity to participate in a US University Panel Discussion and Fair, with representatives from Binghamton University, the University at Buffalo (SUNY), the University of California, Riverside, the University of California, Santa Cruz, the University of San Francisco, and Foothill and De Anza Community Colleges. The representatives shared first-hand insights into courses, subject requirements, application processes, and university life.

On 24 September, we welcomed Trinity College, Connecticut, giving our pupils another valuable opportunity to explore under graduate study at Trinity and learn more about its academic and student experience.

Staff Appreciation Programme

Thursday – 24th September 2026

We are thrilled to announce the successful launch of our very first Staff Appreciation and Recognition (STAR) cohort! 🎉

This special programme is dedicated to celebrating the incredible hard work, dedication, and heart our team members pour into everything they do. We proudly honour our first group of recipients who embody our five core organisational values:

Kindness: Lifting others up and spreading positivity every day.

Courage: Stepping up, taking bold steps, and embracing new challenges.

Integrity: Doing the right thing, always, with honesty and transparency.

Responsibility: Owning our actions and delivering excellence consistently.

Respect: Valuing diverse perspectives and treating everyone with dignity.

"Creating opportunities to support our colleagues builds a powerful culture of motivation and brings a well-deserved smile to someone's face."

Whole School: Coffee Morning

Wednesday - 30th September 2026

It was wonderful welcoming parents to our recent coffee morning dedicated to the school development plan. These collaborative sessions provide a valuable space to connect, share our shared vision, and ensure every family feels informed and engaged in our journey forward.

Master Nigel Fossey led an insightful Q&A session, addressing thoughtful queries regarding our academic programs, co-curricular opportunities, and broader school initiatives. Thank you to everyone who joined us for such an open, constructive, and inspiring morning of partnership.

Third Founders' Day - 2026-27

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