April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to Wixams Academy. I am delighted that your child has been offered a place in our Year 7 cohort for September, and I very much look forward to welcoming them as they begin their secondary school journey with us.

At Wixams Academy, we believe that all students can achieve exceptional things. We are committed to supporting every young person to do so, working closely in partnership with you as parents and carers throughout their time at the Academy.

To develop happy, confident and successful young adults, we offer a broad range of extracurricular opportunities alongside a highly aspirational academic education, all delivered within our inclusive and values-driven Wixams ethos.

Communication

On **Tuesday**, you will receive an email from **Applicaa**, our online admissions system, containing your login details. Once logged in, Applicaa will provide access to important information, including:

- Cashless catering and how to add money to your child's account
- Harper Trust uniform support
- Uniform suppliers and details of the Uniform *Pop-Up Shop* (8 July – see below)
- Bus timetables, information and Code of Conduct (subject to change)
- Bookable peripatetic music tuition
- PSHE and Relationships & Sex Education
- Uniform expectations (also available on our website)
- Term dates (also available on our website)

We will also use Applicaa to request key information about your child, including:

- Consent for photographs
- Permission for supervised off-site visits
- Up-to-date medical information
- Current contact details and additional data

Much of this information may already be pre-populated when you first log in. Whenever new updates are added, we will also email you directly, should Applicaa notifications be filtered into spam folders. This ensures you receive all vital information promptly. Providing clear, positive and effective communication is a priority for us.

Extended Coffee Morning Opportunities

We would like to thank the many parents and students who have attended our coffee mornings during the school day. We are extremely grateful for the positive feedback, particularly comments describing the Academy as *calm, quiet, purposeful and welcoming*.

We are pleased to be offering **additional coffee mornings over the next two weeks after half term**. A separate email with booking details will follow shortly. To allow as many families as possible to attend, these sessions will run with slightly larger groups, there is space for everyone who wishes to join us.

Transition Days – June/July and September

Ensuring that every student feels confident, prepared and excited about starting Year 7 is central to our transition programme.

We will therefore be holding two dedicated transition days for our new Year 7 students on:

- **Tuesday 30th June, finishing at 3pm**
- **Wednesday 1st July, finishing at 3pm**

During these days, students will:

- Meet their Form Tutor and Year 7 peers
- Learn about Academy routines, expectations and values
- Begin to familiarise themselves with secondary school life
- Have opportunities to ask questions and feel reassured

Our aim is for every child to leave feeling confident and ready for September.

In addition, on **Thursday 3rd September**, the first day of the new academic year, **only Year 7 and Year 12 students** will be in school. This smaller setting allows us to provide additional support as our new Year 7 students begin their first full day at Wixams Academy.

Year 7 and 12 will then be joined by **Years 9 and 13 on Friday 4th September**, with the **whole school returning on Monday 7th September**.

Uniform

Please refer to the Academy website for full uniform expectations. Please note that the following items are currently being phased out:

- Compulsory dance top
- Optional PE hoodie (to be replaced with a more suitable outdoor PE layer)

If you require support with purchasing uniform, information regarding assistance from the **Harper Trust** for pupils meeting a set criterion is available via Applicaa.

We will also be hosting a **Uniform Pop-Up Shop on 8th July 2026** at Wixams Academy. This will allow you to try on different sizes and place orders directly. Further details, including how to book a time slot, will be shared shortly.

Additional information about sourcing uniform through our supplier, **Uniform Direct**, is available within Applicaa.

Equipment

To support learning and ensure students are fully prepared for lessons, all students should bring the following equipment to school each day (and ideally to the transition days – items will be provided if needed):

- 2 black or blue pens
- 2 purple pens
- 2 sharp pencils
- 2 whiteboard pens
- Highlighter
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor
- Scientific calculator
  (recommended: Casio fx-83GTCW or Casio fx-85GTCW)
- A reading book

Key Contacts

Should you have any questions, please contact:

- **Miss S White** – Office Manager (Admissions) admissions@wixamsacademy.co.uk
- **Miss I Phillips** – SENDCo (SEND enquiries) iphillips@wixamsacademy.co.uk
- **Mrs C Blessing** – Acting Head of Year cblessing@wixamsacademy.co.uk

I very much look forward to meeting you and your child in the coming months and welcoming them fully into our Academy community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Nathaniel Wilson
Headteacher