

7th October 2022

Wixams Academy



Newsletter

Greetings from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Students and staff are working hard across the Academy. We are also having fun. As I write this newsletter, I can hear the 'Great Wixams Bake-off' going on in the Hall. Photos and full report to follow next week!

This newsletter includes subject updates; continuing sports successes; a focus on the sixth form and much, much more.

On Wednesday evening we welcomed about 60 parents and carers to the Academy for our second Parent Forum. The focus was the new Behaviour Policy. We had a very constructive discussion and I have attached the notes (in the form of Parent question/concern: Academy response) as separate document with this newsletter. The presentation from the night is also attached. The main take home messages for me were that: parents and staff all jointly want to improve the environment for students. We need to all work on our communication, so our concerns can be effectively heard and responded to.

Finally, on Wednesday, I offered a number of Parent Tours next week. Monday's slots are all taken, but you can still sign up for Wednesday or Friday by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/4UvT9toeMyr1iEFU8>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul'.

Paul Spyropoulos
Principal

Wixams PFTA

Calling all parents and friends of Wixams Academy!

We would really like to restart our very successful PTFA up again now that Covid restrictions have all been lifted. The PTFA provide invaluable activities and funds to the Academy which enhance the opportunities that our students receive.

The group is really friendly and all kinds of support is very welcome! We will hold our first in-person PTFA meeting after half term (Date TBC) but in the meantime, please do e-mail Mrs Pearson if you feel you would be able to join.

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Mrs Pearson, Assistant Principal



Focus on Sixth Form

Wixams Sixth Form are Ready2Lead

On Wednesday this week four outstanding Year 12 students have become our inaugural entry to the Bedford Ready2Lead initiative.

Jess, Luan, Jake and Oliver attended an afternoon conference at Bedford School to begin their journey to becoming leaders. They are creating an initiative based on one of the 12 United Nations action topics, which they will present to peers.

Two inspirational speakers addressed the 70+ students from across the borough, both from public and state schools, all vying to be the leaders of the future.

This is an exciting project which our Wixams team are sure to do well in. Watch this space to see how their plan develops!

Mr R Mercel

Assistant Principal – Head of Sixth Form



Upcoming Dates

11th October Year 7 Tutor meetings

Year 11 Subject Day

(Academy Closed)

17th October School Photographer

18th October Academy Open Evening (early closure)

21st October Last Day of Half Term

Autism Student Voice

Autism In Schools Project

Our students enjoyed a fabulous afternoon in a sensory garden exploring what masking means and looked closely into their social batteries. They researched 'insta versus reality' and shared own experiences about living a life with Autism.

A very successful day - well done!!

Mrs Bonforte & Ms Phillips & Ms Iantosca



Sports Results

Yr 8 football

Wixams 6 vs Goldington B 0

Year 7/8 girls football

Wixams1 V St Thomas More (0-0)

Wixams2 V St Thomas More (1-0)

Goal Scorer: Tia Connolly-Cutts

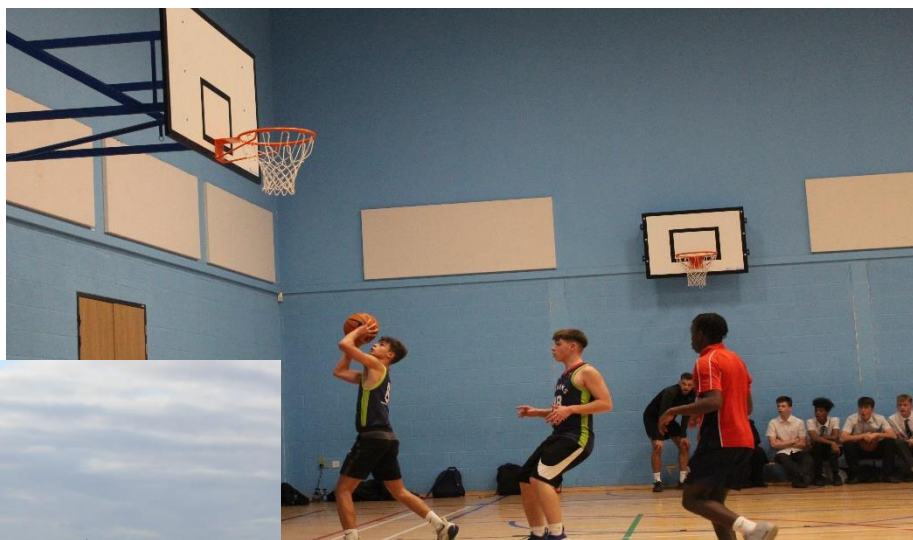
Player of the Tournament: Maisie Smith

A brilliant effort from all players
against quick and strong opposition.

Well done girls.

Year 11 boys basketball

Wixams 61 - 15 Lincroft



François

The French department had a visit from Steve Eaden today. He used to work for Arsenal as a community outreach manager all over the world, and now works for his own company Mingalaba sharing the importance of learning languages.

Year 8 got involved in a session creating their dream football team (with reasons why in French) and then played some games of football also in French. **Mrs Connolly, Head of French**



Science Project Club

On Wednesday 5th October students involved in the science project club had a talk delivered by a neuroscientist from the University of Southampton. The talk involved a description on why she chose this field of science and what she does on a day-to-day basis. She spoke through her career path from GCSE's to a PhD and the options students have to get into scientific research. The students were able to ask about her work and career options available to them as well as asking questions about the brain. The experience was enjoyed by all and we look forward to continuing science project club this year! **Ms Longstaff, Head of Biology**

Rocket Club

