

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

# Wixams Academy



# Newsletter

## Greetings from the Principal

Dear Families,

Thank you for your ongoing support with all of our work at the Academy. Your children have worked hard and we are proud of their achievements. Students and staff deserve their rest next week!

I trust you have been viewing the amazing photos coming back from the Iceland Trip. The students (and staff!) are having a brilliant time and return to England on Sunday.

We know this is a massive year for our Year 11s. We do try to keep the exams in perspective and make sure our students have a good 'work-life' balance. But, there is no getting away from the fact that this is a big year for them. If you haven't donated to the Year 11 end of year plans, you can do so now via ParentMail.

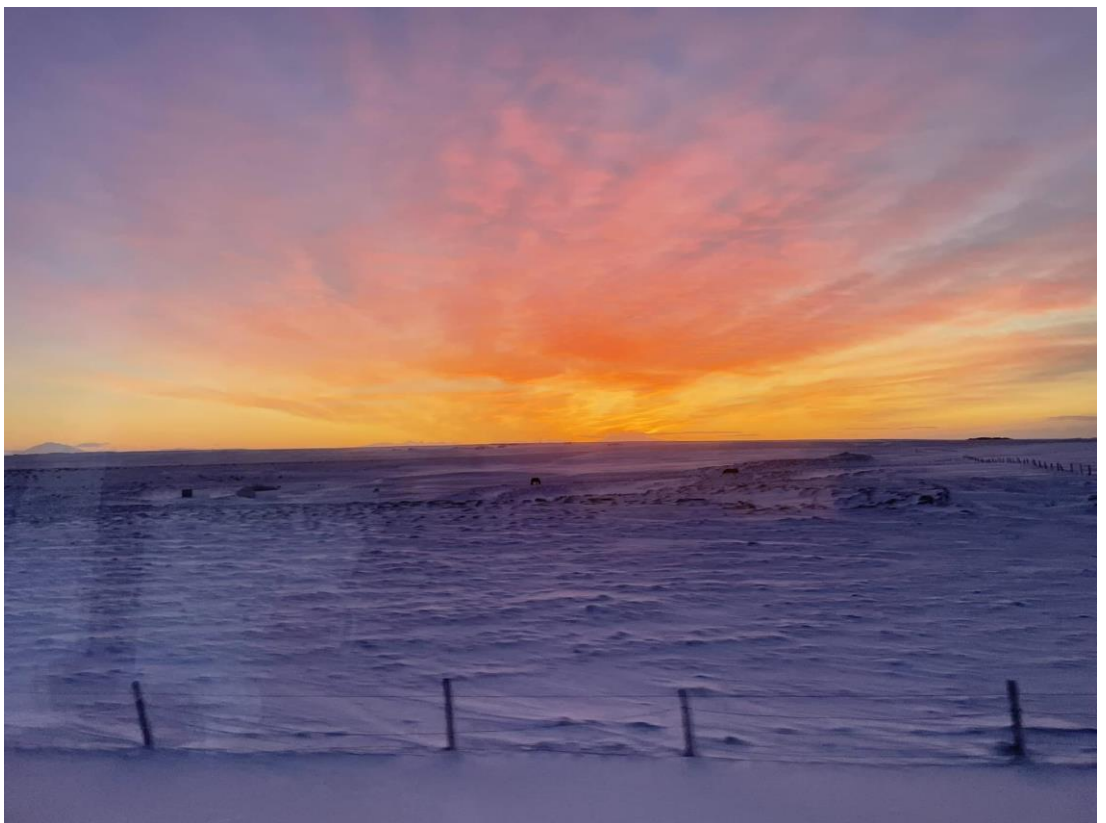
The Year 11 revision classes on site over half term are detailed overleaf.

Have a happy and peaceful week ahead,

Yours sincerely,

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

Paul Spyropoulos  
**Principal**



## Year 11 Half Term Revision

Half Term	Morning sessions		Afternoon Sessions	
Monday 13th February	Maths	09:00 – 12: 00	Maths	12:30 - 15:00
	Science	09:00-12:00	Science	12:30 - 15:00
	Business Studies	09:00 – 12:00	Business Studies	12:30 - 15:00
	Art	09:00 – 12: 00	Art	12:30 - 15:00
Tuesday 14th February				
	Music	09:00 – 12: 00	Music	12:30 - 15:00
	History	09:00 – 12: 00	History	12:30 - 15:00
	Art	09:00 – 12: 00	Art	12:30 - 15:00
		09:00 – 12: 00	Science	12:30 - 15:00
Wednesday 15th February	Maths	09:00 – 12: 00	Maths	12:30 - 15:00
	History	09:00 – 12: 00	History	12:30 - 15:00
	Media	09:00 – 12: 00	Media	12:30 - 15:00
	Spanish	09:00 – 12: 00	Spanish	12:30 - 15:00
	English	09:00 – 12: 00		
			Science	12:30 - 15:00

### Upcoming Dates

8-12 Feb	Iceland Trip Overseas
10 Feb	Last Day of Half Term
20 Feb	Students return from Half Term WEEK 1
1 Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> planned NEU Strike Day

### Family Help This Winter

Dear Families,

Times are hard, especially with the effects of rising bills and cost of living, so we wanted to remind families that if you are struggling and need support with sourcing food for your family, we are here to help.

The Heads of Year have access to the Food bank and can issue families with food bank vouchers for a number of locations across Bedford.

If you do need to access a food bank voucher please contact your Head of Year. Full confidentiality is observed.

***Mrs Davies & the Head of Year Team***

Max plays for the U16 basketball Academy team at Bedford Thunder. They train twice a week and compete in the national basketball league, with games at the weekend. Last Saturday, Max competed with his team away at Stevenage Royals. Bedford Thunder were trailing by 13 points at the start of the fourth quarter. Max came on at the start of this quarter and it was an incredibly exciting quarter, with Max being integral in the team winning 67-65, even scoring the winning basket.

After the Saturday performance, Max was asked to step up and play for the U18s basketball team in the national league, as they were a squad member down. This match was in Bedford and a real honour for Max to be involved. Max played brilliantly, being wonderfully cheered on by many of his teammates from the U16s and also some friends from Wixams Academy. The team won 122-49 and an individual highlight for Max was scoring both of his free throws under pressure!

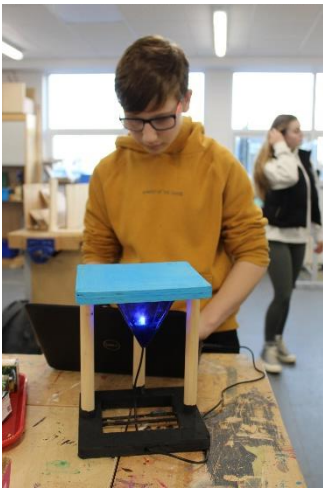


## Design Coursework

It was my pleasure to meet with the Year 11 D&T students this morning. We had a breakfast to celebrate the final hand in for the NEA. This is a culmination of 10 months hard work and 50% of their GCSE. Many hours and much effort has been put into the portfolio and practical outcomes. They should all be very proud.

*Joanne Taylor*

*Head of Design and Technology*



### Fishmonger visit.

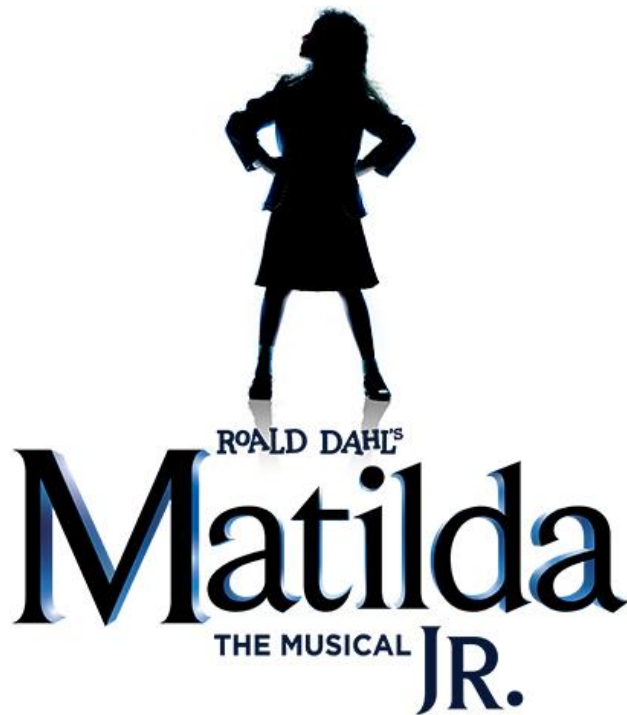


Last Thursday, our Year 11 Level 2 Home Cooking Skills students had a fantastic experience when our local fishmongers came to visit. They showed the students various different fish and demonstrated how these would be prepared in different ways ready for cooking. They also shared with the students their career pathway, their passion for the job and how that led to them starting their family business. Our students then got the opportunity to have a go themselves. They did a fantastic job of filleting two mackerel, each of which are now residing in the freezer for us to cook next practical lesson. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, were incredibly engaged, respectful and asked questions. They especially enjoyed exploring the anatomy of the fish (once they had removed the fillets), removing the gills and eyes to take a closer look and discovering that a fish eye lens is spherical! I'd like to say a huge thank you to **GCH Fishmongers** for giving up their time and supplying the fish for this excellent visit.



Wixams Academy

Presents



Book by

**DENNIS KELLY**

Music & Lyrics by

**TIM MINCHIN**

**ONLY 20 TICKETS REMAIN PER NIGHT!**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 6pm

Adults £5

Concessions, Staff and Students £4

Please email [amcardle@wixamsacademy.co.uk](mailto:amcardle@wixamsacademy.co.uk), stating the night you wish to attend, the amount of tickets required and the students name for invoicing purposes to purchase