

13th January 2023

Wixams Academy



Newsletter

Greetings from the Principal

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

We have a busy week ahead, with trips to Matilda the Musical in London, for our cast who will be performing in March (see the back page); a Trip for science and geography students to the UoB to learn about Climate Change and a sixth form trip to the City as part of their Enrichment finance course, the LIBF.

I would like to extend an invitation to you all this Thursday 19th of January to our second Parent Forum meeting at 6pm, followed by a PTA meeting at 7pm. Please do come along if you can. There is a separate 'parentmail' with more details about these two events.

Yours sincerely,

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

Paul Spyropoulos
Principal

Catering News

News from your Street kitchen...

Chinese New Year will be celebrated with a special menu on Thursday 19th January, fortunes will be told with each and every lunchtime purchase! Street and Live meals £2.40 or £2.70 with a drink or dessert. Grab and Go options £1.95. Panini, sandwiches, wraps and subs all will be available. Follow us on instagram @wixamsfood to see the food we prepare, cook and serve!

Jacqueline Farrer

Chef Manager



DT Matters...

Year 11 Design and Technology NEA, we are approaching our final two deadlines;

Section E - 27th January

Section F - 10th February (or before Iceland if on the trip)

The students have been working really hard on this so please continue to support and encourage them in these last few weeks. It is an enormous project worth 50% of the GCSE grade and we are nearly there.

Wednesday lunch and after school support sessions are available every week for all students.

Regards

Joanne Taylor

Head of Design and Technology



Upcoming Dates

18 Jan	UOB Geography Trip Yr 10
	Matilda Trip to London
	LIBF Year 12 Trip to the 'City'
19 Jan	Yr 11 Subject/parent meetings (invite only)
	Parent Forum II, 6pm
	PTFA meeting, 7pm
6 Feb	Photographer for Years 7, 11, 12

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

Some of our amazing Maths Ambassadors have been working extremely hard to create a Maths session for the local Primary school students. They prepared the session and trialled it with 7F today. The room was buzzing with all students being engaged and focused.

During the session, the Maths ambassadors identified areas where they need to make some adjustments, which will ensure the content is fine-tuned. Next step is for the session to be delivered to the year six students.

Well done to Vanathy Vasikaran, Thomas Price, Amy Thomas, Emma Chamberlain and Phoebe Brooks – you are amazing!

Mrs Kaler



Sporting Excellence

COUNTY FINALISTS!

On Wednesday night our Year 11 boys basketball team travelled to Leighton Buzzard to face Cedars Upper School in a County Semi-Final basketball match. The boys were outstanding and put out a fantastic performance bringing home a 78-23 win! These boys are now through to the county final!!

Well done to: Eddie Miners (Captain), Max Duffy, Billy Shah, Charlie Henson, Fletcher Roberio-Lambe (VC), Nick Jelensky, Tyler Gorski-Cush and Ashton Coluccino.

County Finals here we come!



We would like to give families as much notice as possible to inform you of our intention to make a permanent change to an aspect of our uniform this coming September.

Black trainers, such as Nike Air Force One's and similar, are often advertised as school shoes. We have historically allowed them to pass as school shoes.

Many students do choose to wear these type of trainers for school shoes and this is something we will change in September 2023.

We feel that making this change at short notice would be an expensive and unrealistic change for many and that doing it now would cause many families to have to spend money they haven't budgeted for.

We feel that this permanent change as of September 2023 is a realistic and reasonable expectation.

Please take this notice as a clear indication that this change is coming and the next time you need to purchase new school shoes for your child(ren), they should not be air force ones/trainer style 'shoes' but proper school shoes.

We appreciate your cooperation. ***The images below are all advertised as school shoes however they are clearly trainers and as of September 2023 will be not accepted as school shoes at Wixams Academy.**



Wixams Academy

Presents



Book by
DENNIS KELLY

Music & Lyrics by
TIM MINCHIN

Wednesday 29th March & Thursday 30th March
6pm
Adults £5
Concessions, Staff and Students £4

Please email amcardle@wixamsacademy.co.uk to purchase
Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical JR.* is presented through special arrangement with
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