

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Wixams Academy**



# Newsletter

## Greetings from the Principal

Dear Families,

Newspaper headlines are currently dominated by stories about strike action on 1 February 2023. We will be affected that day, with capacity only to accept Years 11, 12 and named/invited students on site that day. Please ensure you have read my letter very carefully – you will find a copy on the website shortly. We will do our best to minimise disruption to learning on these days. I would like to stress that our striking staff here are passionate about the education of every child in Wixams and their action is as much about receiving adequate funding in schools as it is about wages.

In other news, we look forward to welcoming Sixth Form families to their first parents' evening of the year, next Thursday. It will be good to discuss the progress of our sixth formers at this stage of their A Level careers.

And finally ..... our congratulations and commiserations go out to our amazing Year 11 Basketball team, who last night became the County Finalist runners-up. No-one likes coming second and the score of 32-36 showed a tightly contested game which could have gone either way. We are extremely proud of this talented group of players and I am sure you will all congratulate them with me. Full report to come next week.

Yours sincerely,

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

Paul Spyropoulos  
**Principal**

## George making a splash!

The Bedfordshire county swimming championships started this weekend where George L (Year 10) is competing and hoping to get Regional times for this year.

For the first time this year he entered and qualified for a long distance event, 1500m. This was swam on Saturday night, and he did really well, achieving a silver medal for his age group and bronze overall for Bedfordshire junior boys.

The next two weekends are the shorter events with heats and finals.

Next weekend he's swimming 200 and 50 free and 200 and 50 Breaststroke.

We wish George all the best of luck and look forward to seeing him in the Olympic Pool in the coming years!

## Upcoming Dates

31 Jan	Year 12 Reports Home
1 Feb	Date of first planned NEU Strike
2 Feb	Sixth Form Parents' Evening 430-730
6 Feb	Photographer for Years 7, 11, 12
8-12 Feb	Iceland Trip Overseas
10 Feb	Last Day of Half Term

## 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***

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