

3rd February 2023

Wixams Academy



Newsletter

Greetings from the Principal

Dear Families,

Thank you for your support with the industrial action which took place on Wednesday this week. There is another date planned by the NEU union, on the 1st March. I will write to you again nearer that date with updated plans for the day.

'In the news' at the Academy this week, we have had:

Year 12 Parents evening. It was lovely to catch up with families old and new to talk about students' progress in our new sixth form.

More sporting success, this time for Year 7 girls and boys, see page 4!

Final planning has been going on for our first Academy trip to Iceland, which leaves next week. This will be a 'trip of a lifetime' and we look forward to travellers' tales and pictures when they return.

Planning meetings have been continuing with architects and builders for our new Academy expansion programme. This is very exciting and the plans will be made available soon!

Finally, a sneak preview of a rehearsal of the upcoming Matilda production left me extremely impressed and excited for the final production. Do look out for tickets going on sale shortly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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

Paul Spyropoulos
Principal



**MUFTI day on Friday
10th February, to
support the Year 11
PROM.**

**Please contribute £1
via Parentpay.**

Thank you.

Sixth Form

FAO Year 11:

Sixth Form applications – Applicant meetings starting this month!

Many of you will have already had letters regarding your Sixth Form meetings that begin this month. We are excited to see you and discuss your future plans, subjects and aspirations, please keep an eye on your inboxes for further communications. For those yet to apply there is still time, please follow the link below should you need to get a late application in to us.

<https://form.jotformpro.com/form/222893685074972>

Mr Mercel

Sixth Form Subject Review evening:

This Thursday marked the first subject review event for Sixth Form students. I would like to say thank you to both the students, families and staff for how well they approached this event. Lots of great feedback was shared, targets were set and plans made for Year 12 to set a gold standard as the founding year of Wixams Sixth Form.

We now begin to look forward to end of year exams!

Mr Mercel and Miss Rahman

Cyber Security!!

Our students took part in a series of Cyber Security modules covering the latest theories in the field.

Delivered by CyBOK and eQualitytime the 6 modules took part in the Computing Department and introduced students to the exciting environment of Cyber Security.

Mr Roberts, Head of Computing



Photos 6th Feb

Reminder: Whole school photographs for years 7,11 and 12 students

Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday 6th February, the school photographer will be in school to photograph the whole year groups and their tutors for years 7, 11 and 12 students.

Please ensure your child comes to school on Monday wearing the correct school uniform.

The students will be photographed individually and with their whole year group. There is no obligation to purchase the pack but the students will be given a QR code for you to purchase online should you wish to.

Thank you

Mrs Rosa Marotta

Office Manager



Upcoming Dates

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| 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 |
| 20 Feb | Students return from Half Term |
| 1 Mar | 2 nd 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

Year 11 Basketball

County Silver Medallists

Thursday 26th January saw our Year 11 boys basketball team take on Lea Manor in the county final.

It wasn't to be our night with our shots not wanting to sink. The boys worked hard and never stopped fighting to close the gap. All of the team worked relentlessly to turn over the ball and put shots up to bring Lea Manors lead from 14 to 2 points in the last minute. The final whistle left us just shy of the gold medal- Lea Manor winning 36-32.

These boys have shown dedication, commitment and pure love for the sport throughout the district run and that didn't stop in the final. The boys can hold their heads up high! It has been a privilege to watch and support these boys and I couldn't be prouder of them!

Congratulations: Max D, Nick J, Billy S, Eddie M, Charlie H, Fletcher, Ashton C, Tyler.

Miss Goodwin.



Year 7/8 Girls Futsal

County Silver Medallists

On Thursday 2nd February our Year 7/8 girls futsal team travelled to Cedars Upper School to compete against 7 other schools in the county. The girls were outstanding and it has been amazing to watch the girls grow in confidence through the league. The tournament was predominately Year 8 teams and with only 2 year 8s in our team we couldn't be more impressed with the performance the girls displayed.

The girls came home with the silver medal around their necks!

Congratulations: Lucy S (Yr7), Frankie S (Yr 7), Isla W (Yr 7), Georgia B (Yr 7), Calle E (Yr 7) Maisie S (Yr 7) Tia CC (Yr 8) and Kyra D (Yr 8)



Year 7 Boys Futsal.

County CHAMPIONS.

Our Year 7 boys futsal team took part in a Year 8 County Futsal final. The boys displayed incredible team work and skill. The attitude and effort of the boys was one that Wixams academy is exceptionally proud of. The boys didn't lose one game and came home with the GOLD.

An incredible achievement.

Congratulations: Jaxon, George S, Behr, Jamie S, Jamie W, Lennon, Torrin W.

Student Council News

We have a vibrant Student Council here at the Academy, with over 50 members in years 7-12. Some members of the Council attended a wider Bedford Borough Student Council meeting this week, along with Mrs Maddox. The students made valuable contributions and 'did us proud'.



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

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