

6th January 2023

Wixams Academy



Newsletter

Greetings from the Principal

Dear Families,

Happy New Year. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

Students have started 2023 positively and it is worth reminding ourselves what we strive for at Wixams Academy: *'We believe in the potential of our students to be successful and we do not rest until we have found the optimal arrangements for every child to succeed. We ensure that our students are happy and safe and make sure they understand their rights and responsibilities to achieve this. Finally, we want to work closely with you, the parents and carers, because we all share the same level of ambition and care for your children.'*

We have an exciting 2023 ahead of us, with our first of three foreign trips heading off to Iceland in February. I wish all of our students and families the very best for the year ahead and look forward to working closely with you.

Yours sincerely,

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

Paul Spyropoulos
Principal

Catering News

Hello and a Happy New year from your catering team.

We start the new term with an exciting new menu. In addition to your favourites there are lots of new choices available such as Hunters Chicken, Jackfruit Tacos or Four Cheese Ravioli. Our traditional Roast day remains on a Wednesday and Fridays will only ever mean one thing - Fish and chips, not just fish and chips of course, we have at least four hot options available each day as well as paninis, sandwiches, wraps and baguettes.

If your child receives a free school meal entitlement be sure that they use it for their lunch. They need do nothing other than come to the till with their meal, this can include a juice drink or a dessert as part of the meal deal.

Follow us on instagram @wixamsfood to see the food we prepare, cook and serve!

Jacqueline Farrer

Chef Manager

Sixth Form Matters

Year 12 have an exciting, busy and important few terms ahead which will see them gain their first set of tested data, begin the process of applying for university or apprenticeships and in some cases sit their first externally marked exams.

Please take careful note of the dates and information below, the most immediate of which being the start of the assessment cycle next Monday.

January Tests

Between Mon 9th January and Friday 13th January, students will be set in class tests in all subjects. These will be our first formal tests this year and will form the basis for the next academic report due to be shared with parents at the end of January. Testing will only cover material that has been taught so far. Staff will then share a working at grade and end of course prediction for each subject. Y12 review day is scheduled for Thursday 2nd February, more information about this will be shared closer to the event.

We hope that all students are successful in their January tests.

Key dates

- **Mon 9th Jan** – Health and Social Care
- **Tues 10th Jan** – LIBF Finance Part A
- **Friday 6th Jan** – Criminology folder deadline
- **Thurs 12th Jan** – Criminology Day 1
- **Friday 13th Jan** – Criminology Day 2
- **Monday 16th January** – LIBF Finance part B

Mr R Mercel

Assistant Principal – Head of Sixth Form

Upcoming Dates

12 Jan	Year 12 retake GCSE results day
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

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