

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Wixams Academy**



# Newsletter

## Greetings from the Principal

Dear Families,

Summer has arrived this week and we are enjoying rising temperatures.

Year 11 continue to conduct themselves brilliantly during their GCSEs. They now have a well-deserved week for revision and some rest!

We say goodbye to Zoe Wyatt today who has been a valuable member of our Learning Support team. We will all miss you Zoe and you have made a big impression on the students you've assisted here.

We also say Au Revoir to Nicola Catling who is taking some time off from teaching Drama to have her baby. We wish you and your new family all the very best Nicola and look forward to a visit from you with the little one soon!

I would like to draw your attention to the ParentMail sent out today by Mr Dummett, which explains that we will be expecting full Academy uniform after the half term break. Please read the guidance carefully and support us by ensuring your child has the correct uniform and equipment. I will of course make concessions when the weather gets hot in and around the building.

Have a good week.

Yours sincerely,

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

Paul Spyropoulos  
**Principal**

## Upcoming Dates

5<sup>th</sup> June                      Students return at 8.40am for Week 1  
 GCSEs continue  
 Year 9 End of Year Tests in-class

## ASDAN Trip To Herring's Green

Year 10 had a fabulous trip to Herring's Green Farm and Bird of Prey Centre, with beautiful sunshine (and one tiny shower) and loads of amazing animals!

The students were lucky enough to be able to hold a Great Horned Owl, and a very heavy American Bald Eagle.

All students had a go at flying an Eagle Owl and a Red Tailed Hawk, which was very exciting!

We then spent time with a very cute and fluffy baby Eagle Owl who was only 4 weeks old.

Following this students spent some time with the goats, who entertained everyone with their climbing and nibbling, and then everyone had the opportunity to hold a corn snake, a giant cockroach and some Guinea Pigs. The day was rounded off with a quick cuddle with a baby donkey!

All in all it was a fabulous afternoon and the students wowed me with their compassion for animals and their excellent behaviour, showing the true values of Wixams Academy.

Have a wonderful week off and keep on eye on the skies for those interesting birds!  
 Mrs Shorey.



## ASDAN Year 10 Herring's Green Farm Bird of Prey Centre.





**Summer dance and music show  
case 2023!**

**Auditions: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June,  
after school, 3:20 – 4:30pm, in  
the dance studio and music  
room first week back.**

**Dance/ composition must be  
longer than one minute but does  
not have to be a finished piece.**

**The show will be the last week  
on the Summer term.**

# Saturday Film Club - Workshops

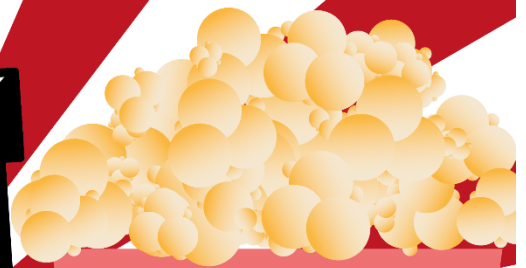
See the world through a different lens!

Learn practical filmmaking skills to produce an independent film about your own experiences!

**FREE**

Saturday  
Sessions  
10.00am-12.00pm

SDC: LUI 4LX  
UoB: LUI 3JU



Join us from this Saturday  
13th May - 24th June  
VIP Screening: Sat. 1st July '23

Ages 11-25yrs.

Limited spaces available

For more info. email  
[culture@beds.ac.uk](mailto:culture@beds.ac.uk)  
and register your place

A fun and accessible filmmaking course taught by professional filmmakers.

### What happens at Saturday Film Club?

- \* LEARN filmmaking and storytelling techniques
- \* MAKE your own films
- \* SHARE your work with peers

### What do I need?

- \* A smart phone or tablet (to use to film with)
- \* Editing Software (free, simple and compatible)

### Feeling thirsty or peckish?

- \* Light refreshments will be provided!

A few spaces have become available, please do get in touch...

For more info. email [culture@beds.ac.uk](mailto:culture@beds.ac.uk) and register your place.



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