

30th June 2023

Wixams Academy



Newsletter

Greetings from the Principal

Dear Families,

This newsletter celebrates just some of the high quality work of our students and staff. Well done to all Silver Duke of Edinburgh students; to our GCSE Art students; to our Most Able group and to Elizabeth Bown, to name but a few...

Please remember the strikes will affect us on the 5th and 7th of July. I have written to you all separately with our plans for those two days. Please read the letter carefully. Essentially, Year 10 and 12 work experience will continue that week as normal and we will have Year 9 **only** in the Academy on the 5th July and Year 7 **only** on the 7th July.

I am pleased to say that we are fully staffed with teachers for September. We have many new brilliant teachers joining our already strong team. We have done well to recruit all of our teachers in this difficult climate and we know they will benefit your children enormously.

Our year long (and ongoing) focus on improving behaviour at Wixams Academy is going well. I will be arranging some 'Academy in action' days next term for existing and new parents to come and view the academy on a normal day. You can also contact me individually if you would like to come and meet me more informally too. Thank you for your support with improving uniform. Students have responded well and we will retain the 'no blazer required' rule this term until further notice.

Our builders are cracking on well with our expansion. You might have noticed that we have had 4 more classrooms dropped into the back playground, which will be ready for September, along with a large dining canopy area and outdoor café. The really significant expansion work is on schedule still for a September 2024 finish. I have included a few photographs below.

Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Paul Spyropoulos
Principal

Weekly Progress Pictures

WILLMOTT DIXON
SINCE 1852



Lift pit reinforcing complete.



Central foundation rebar tying in progress.



First section of central foundation poured.

Upcoming Dates

3-7 July	Work Experience week for all Year 10 and 12 students
3 July	Food trip to Spitalfields Market <u>cancelled</u>
4 July	New Year 6 into 7 Transition Day
5 July	Strike Day – only Year 9 and invited students on site (see separate letter)
6 July	Inspirational Speaker Assemblies for all
7 July	Strike Day – only Year 7 and invited students on site (see separate letter)
10 & 11 July	Rearranged Sixth Form Induction Days for internal and external applicants
11 July	Year 10 Geography GCSE trip to MK
11 July	Year 12 Subject Consultation Evening 4.30-730pm
12 July	End of Year Reward Trips
12 July	GCSE Art Show 4-530pm
14 July	Sixth Form Sports Day



We have been fortunate to receive a special discounted rate on a complete set of GCSE History revision guides for £12.60 (RRP £25.20).

Please register your interest [HERE](#) by 9am Monday 10th July.

We will then look to place an order and send you a link to ParentPay.

Our current Year 11s found the guides very useful and we do look to make good use of them in fortnightly 'Booster Sessions' where we revisit topics and apply knowledge to exam questions.

*Your son/daughter **will not be disadvantaged** should they not purchase them, but it's useful to have a set at home for personal study.*

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mr Craze (rcraze@wixamsacademy.co.uk)

Head of History

GCSE Art Show Announced!



ART EXHIBITION 

Wednesday 12th July
4pm – 530pm

Many congratulations to all Year 10 and 12 Silver DofE students who passed their expedition this week. They were all amazing! Thank you also to our valiant staff who accompanied the students.

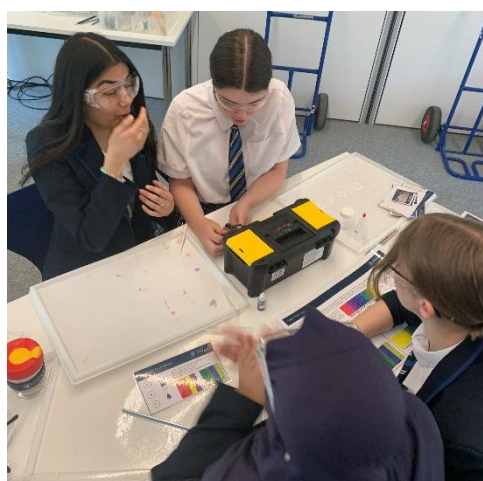


Most Able Students Update



On Monday, 11 Year 10s paid a visit to Wadham College at the University of Oxford.

This visit introduced some of our high-flying students to university life and involved a tour of the college, a special session held at the university's Natural History Museum and a tricky chemistry challenge!



Mr Craze (rcraze@wixamsacademy.co.uk)
Most Able Students Coordinator

Elizabeth has a national event in Gosport this weekend, riding up in the 17 years plus female category and then will be going off the following weekend to compete in the European Championships in France.

This event will have over 2000 competitors from all over Europe, so it's definitely going to be a busy one!

She will be attending two days work experience next week and then will be travelling to France on Wednesday to represent Great Britain at the European Champs.

Go Elizabeth – we are so proud of you!

