

22nd September 2023

Wixams Academy



Newsletter

Greetings from the Principal

Dear Families,

This week we welcomed back our students and staff who visited France last week as part of their GCSE studies. Teachers and host staff reported that our students were beautifully behaved and threw themselves into real French-speaking situations. Très bien students and merci to Mrs Connelly and accompanying staff! Read more overleaf.

Our Year 6/7 Open Evening is coming up on the 17 October. You may well remember visiting with your child when they were in Year 6. We will soon be inviting students to volunteer to help on the night and I would like to thank them in advance for their service. Prospective parents often report they learn the most about a school from talking to its students and volunteers really enjoy the evening as well.

Yours sincerely,

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

Paul Spyropoulos
Principal

Upcoming Dates

25 - 29 September	Year 11 English Speeches
26 September	Year 12 Parents' Meeting 6-7pm
3 October	Sixth Form Criminology & Sociology Trip to UoB
10 October	Progress Review and Year 11 subject consultation day – students at home
17 October	Year 6 into 7 Open Evening (students home at 2.20pm, some back to volunteer)
18 & 19 October	GCSE Dance Performances
20 October	Last Day of Half Term

Your PTFA

PTFA News

The Wixams Academy Parent Teacher Family Association (PTFA) is once again planning for the upcoming school year. The PTFA focuses on what students need to be successful in their learning while at the same time enjoying special activities throughout the school year. Last academic year the PTFA raised £267 to support the school. This year we are looking to be bigger and better!

If you or a family member think you could help with events / planning either on a one off or ongoing basis please get in touch via the email address below.

[£££ Want to be our new treasurer? £££](#)

We are looking for a new committee member in the form of a treasurer. If you have excellent organisation skills and a head for numbers and would like to support the PTFA then please email Claire.henry@Wixamsacademypta.co.uk.

The PTFA Team.





On Tuesday 12th September, 28 Year 10 and 11 students headed to Boulogne in Northern France for a Food technology and French trip.

Over the course of the week we visited a chocolate factory, a bakery, a goat farm and a sea life centre and learnt how to make many of these different foods. We got to taste French bread, chocolates, goats cheese and even snails! We also visited the

local markets in Boulogne and Le Touquet and had opportunities to speak lots of French. Our accommodation was at Chateau d'Eblinghem on the Belgian borders and evening activities included crepe making, archery and a campfire. Our guide, Florian, was amazing and him and Rich, our bus driver, complimented the excellent behaviour from our students.

Year 9 French and Food students – watch out! Letters for next year's trip will be coming your way soon!



No pictures yet this week, but the building work is moving forwards swiftly.

Did you know that our new expansion, ready in September, will give us?:

- 15 science labs
- 4 art rooms
- 3 Design Tech rooms
- A Music suite
- A new (second) dining hall
- Lots of student lockers (finally)
- A second, larger sports hall
- 3 playing fields, including astroturf and floodlights
- Much, much more...

Dance Clubs

WEEK OF: **Dance**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Jazz Dance team 3:20pm - 4:50pm. Studio. Co - Choreographer <u>Elini Mudar</u>. VP</p> 	<p>Contemporary Dance team 3:50pm - 5:00pm. Studio. Co - Choreographer <u>Alexi Groh</u>. VP</p> 	<p>Commercial Dance team 3:20pm - 4:50pm. Studio. Co-Choreographers <u>Maisie Bright</u> and <u>Raylene Johnston</u>. VP</p> <p>GCSE Dance Choreography 3:20pm - 4:50pm Main hall. Choreographers Yr11 . VP</p>	<p><u>Wixams Dance Company</u> 3:20pm - 4:50pm. Studio. Co - Choreographer <u>Eve Thorne</u> and <u>Jasmin Mudar</u>. LP</p> <p>Main cheer 3:20pm - 4:20pm. Main Hall. Coach <u>Sam</u>. VP</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>Pom Team 3:20pm-4:50pm. Co-Choreographers <u>Amelie Parisi</u> and <u>Zara Mckell</u>. VP</p> 	<p>Saturday</p> 	<p>Sunday</p> 	<p>Notes</p> <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water - Black top - Black leggings - Black shorts (Main cheer) - Hair band!

End of season report.

Elizabeth has been extremely busy travelling and competing all over the country and Europe during the last 6 months racing her BMX.

It has been a real mixture of results with highs of winning and podium positions to lows of crashes and injuries.

Elizabeth competes at a very high level racing National, European and World Championships Level.

Elizabeth represented GBR at the World Championships this year in Scotland. Other girls in her category had travelled from Argentina, Australia, Columbia, Chile, Canada, USA, and many different European countries.

Elizabeth decided to also ride up several age categories this year at a National level to give her more experience, challenges and competition. She has just turned 15 years and was racing the Female 17 - 29 years women.

There have been many achievements this year but the one that stands out for us the most is being invited onto the Great Britain Cycling Team (GBCT) BMX SX NSR-Foundation rider for another year. Elizabeth has been identified as a hardworking, skilful bike racer who has the potential to develop into a successful world-class athlete in the future. A journey towards World and Olympic success.

