

# Newsletter



## Greetings from the Principal

We have a slightly different newsletter this week, unfortunately Mr Spyropoulos has been unwell, so it is my privilege to write the newsletter this week. My name is Chris Stainsby, and I am the new Vice-Principal here at Wixams Academy. I joined the Academy this September following some time working as one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Schools at Ofsted. Prior to that I have been a Senior Leader at a number of Schools and Colleges in the region. I wanted to express how welcoming all the pupils, parents and staff have been since I joined. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.

Please see below some important information about the coming weeks and what has been happening since the last newsletter.

### **Barriers to car park:**

From 16<sup>th</sup> October, barriers and traffic control measures will be in place at the school car park. The aim of this is to reduce pressure on the local roads and congestion at drop off and pick off.

### **Local candidates come to Wixams Academy:**

This week has seen several of the candidates standing in the local by-election come and speak to 6<sup>th</sup> form pupils. They were given a grilling on topics such as education and local facilities. They will be returning on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October to record the Politics East show which will be broadcast on BBC One at 10am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### **17<sup>th</sup> October – Early Closure Day**

Students will be leaving at 2.20pm in preparation for our Open Evening.

### **30<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day:**

Following the half term, there will be a staff INSET day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. This means all pupils will not be on site on this day to allow staff to have training on a range of topics including safeguarding, developing classroom strategies and GCSE updates.

### **Medical support for pupils:**

If your child requires medication, please ensure you have informed staff of what is required. When a pupil comes to first aid, our aim is to check on the well-being of them and assess if they need further medical support. If this is the case, we will contact you to collect your child. If not, we will endeavour to make sure they can return to learning as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C Stainsby'.

Chris Stainsby

Vice Principal



### English, Maths and Science Revision Support Evening for Year 11 families

We would like to invite Year 11 families into the Academy for an evening presentation on strategies to support your child to revise English, Maths and Science in preparation for the Mocks in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The evening will run from 5:30pm to 7:00pm on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at school.

It will be divided into short presentations by each department with a time for questions at the end.

The aim is to give parents information on:

- o the best techniques to revise for each subject,
- o how to support your child with the revision process.

There will also be hints and tips to improve progress.

If you wish to attend, please register your interest on the google form:



### Dates for your diary:

17 <sup>th</sup> October	Early Closure, Students leave 2.20pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holidays
30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET – School closed to pupils
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 11 Parents GCSE Workshop
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 8 Disco (run by PTA) 7.00pm - 8.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11/12/13 Trip to National Careers Event
9 <sup>th</sup> November	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 Paris Trip
13 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams – 5.30pm – 7.00pm