

# Newsletter



## Greetings from the Principal

Unfortunately, Mr Spyropoulos is still unwell, so I am writing to you this week. I know many of you have passed on best wishes and will do the same.

Last week staff had INSET on Monday, focusing on how we can improve working across departments and reiterating how we use our behaviour routines. I have spoken to many of you recently about these topics, thank you for your input. In the coming weeks, we will be looking to get further feedback from parents, and I would value your feedback.

It is another busy week ahead at the academy including our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening, a Paris trip for 79 year 10 pupils, year 11, 12 & 13 visiting the National School Leavers Festival in Birmingham as well as the start of the year 11 Mocks.

### Laptop reimaging:

A Parentmail was sent out the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October asking all pupils in years 8-11 to bring laptops provided by the school in for an important update. Please check this message and ensure your child brings the laptop in on that day, otherwise the laptop will not have full functionality going forward.

### Attendance matters:

This time of year, there are lots of bugs and illness that pupils and staff can suffer from. We encourage you where possible to send your child into school. We can always check on them and if necessary, send them home. An interesting article on the matter can be found here:

[Why is school attendance so important and what are the risks of missing a day? - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2019/10/22/why-is-school-attendance-so-important-and-what-are-the-risks-of-missing-a-day/)

### Proposed merger:

You will have seen that the BCAT has recently released information on a proposed merger with Knowledge Schools Trust. Further details can be found here: [Proposed merger of Bedford College Academies Trust and Knowledge Schools Trust - Wixams Academy](#)

Best wishes,

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

Chris Stainsby

Vice Principal

**Dates for your diary:**

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
19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term – Pupils finish at 1pm