

Newsletter



Greetings from the Principal

Week commencing 8th January 2024

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024! Pupils have returned positively to the academy, and it has been really good to see so many pupils in their smart uniform. You may have noticed that we are supporting some pupils on their arrival to school regarding this. Thank you for supporting your children in being in the correct uniform. There are more details and information for parents below if they are struggling to access the school uniform.

Year 12 and 13 have gone straight into their mock exams and have been applying themselves amazingly. In coming weeks we will be sharing information about the revision sessions in the holidays for pupils should they wish to attend.

Staffing

As with most schools nationally, we are currently working hard to recruit excellent staff who can provide the very best for our pupils. At present, we have some vacancies that we looking to fill as well as having some staff with serious medical conditions. Due to these vacancies, it has meant we have had to make some adaptations to the timetables and on occasions use both our own staff and external agency staff. We have recently made some appointments of staff who will be joining us in the coming weeks as well as welcoming back some of the staff from the conditions mentioned above. I fully appreciate that this is not ideal and can at times feel unsettling. We are working hard to ensure that we have consistency across the academy and have already had expressions of interest from a number of high-quality candidates regarding the expansion of the academy.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Stainsby'.

Chris Stainsby

Interim Principal

Dance Club Cancelled

Dear Parents/carer

Please be informed that all dance clubs will be cancelled until February half term.

Thank you!

'A massive well done to our year 7 and 8 girls basketball teams who made it to the district finals. The girls were fantastic through the group stages to enable them to make this event. Both teams had a busy evening of basketball games against a range of schools across the district. The girls were a fantastic asset to the school and represented the school values incredibly well. Well done to the year 8 girls basketball team who took 3rd in the district.

Then a HUGE congratulations and well done to the year 7 girls basketball team for becoming DISTRICT CHAMPIONS, bringing back the gold medal and heading into the county finals in 2 weeks time!!

Miss Goodwin and Miss Hindmarch are very proud of both teams for their hard work!'

Bedford Christmas Tree Festival

The results are in! Christmas Tree Festival 2023 made over £23000 for both our charities. This is an amazing result showing a marked increase from 2022 thanks to all your efforts!

Careers Notice

Live at Lunch careers sessions taking place in the LRC at 1:45 next week are:

Monday 22nd January - Army Careers (Yr 10+)

Tuesday 23rd January UCFB - (University Campus of Football Business partnered with University of East London). Courses and Careers in football industry.

Friday 26th January - Lockheed Martin. Aerospace Engineering, also Business + IT. APPRENTICESHIPS

Please do encourage your child to pop along to one of the sessions if they are interested in any of the careers sectors, it's a great opportunity for them to find out more, ask questions and build networks with employers for future opportunities.

Vacancies at Wixams Academy

We currently have several vacancies within the Academy. The vacancies are:-

Non Teaching

Behaviour Support Manager

Office Manager

Invigilators

Teaching

Maths Teacher

Head of Geography

Head of DT

Further details can be found on MyNewTerm.

Clubs in your area

We are a local club to the schools playing in the indoor competition. Elstow CCare looking to expand their women's section and are currently playing in an indoor winter league (same rules as the district event). They will also be playing summer matches too (softball). They want to move onto hardball so any new players joining would be able to do both if they wanted.

They train on a Monday PM FROM 6pm – 7pm. No kit is required – they will provide everything and all abilities are welcome.

Thank you

Damianne

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Dates for your diary:

18 th January	Year 11 Food Exam Year 11 targeted subject meetings – virtual only
22 nd January	Year 9 Vaccinations – Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio
23 rd January	Frontline Living History event – onsite
26 th January	Year 12/13 Reports go home
5 th February	DSP Photography – whole years groups 7,11,12 & 13
12 th February – 16 th February	Spanish speaking mocks
12 th February	Year 7 Reports