

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of last term, we held interviews for our substantive Headteacher position. It was a rigorous process for candidates, with lots of involvement from the staff and pupils. We had a strong field of candidates and on the second day of the interviews it became clear that Mr. Nathaniel Wilson has the vision, knowledge, skills, and current track record to lead Wixams Academy. We are looking forward to Mr. Wilson starting after Easter. He is currently Deputy Headteacher at Charter School in East Dulwich and has been an integral part of the Senior Leadership Team that have developed a school with excellent outcomes for pupils, impeccable behaviour and is rated Good by Ofsted. We are looking forward to working with Mr. Wilson and we are very confident that the school will continue to improve under his leadership. On his appointment Mr. Wilson has stated:

*'I am delighted and honoured to join and lead the Wixams Academy community as your new Headteacher. From the moment I stepped foot on site, I could feel the warmth and positive energy that defines this school. It is with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of responsibility that I embark on this journey with you all. I want to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I have received thus far from the staff and pupils.'*

*'I believe that a strong partnership between the school, pupils and parents/carers is essential for the success of our pupils. I am committed to foster open communication, collaboration, and a sense of unity within our community. Together, we can create an environment where every pupil feels valued, inspired, and motivated to reach their full potential. Your input is invaluable, and I am dedicated to working together to ensure the academic success and wellbeing of every pupil. I am confident that, together, we can build on the foundations at Wixams Academy and raise standards further going forward.'*

It's likely Mr. Wilson will have a few days to spend time at Wixams Academy later this term to get to know the staff and pupils, and there will also be a parent/carer information event so you can meet Mr. Wilson and he can outline his vision to drive the school further forward. We will announce the date later this month.

With best wishes



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