

Newsletter



Greetings from the Principal

Week commencing 5th February 2024

It has been a busy week at the Academy with lots of excellent lessons being taught and students amazing us with the high quality of their work. Please congratulate your children for going the 'extra mile', it is always appreciated. It has been particularly pleasing to see the way in which Year 11 & 13 students are focusing hard on their examination preparation; there are only 3 months to go until the written examinations begin, and 1 month until the practical examinations – every moment preparing will help them to achieve their desired grades.

It was wonderful to see the students being recognised on Tuesday for their continued hard work and excellent behaviour, and 'Hot Chocolate' Tuesday is rapidly becoming a highlight of the week. So many of our students make excellent choices, and this event is one small way to show them that their contributions to the academy are seen and valued.

A highlight of last week was hosting the Chinese students and staff within the 6th form. Mr Mercel will give more information on the experience, but it was a really positive way for our counterparts to see the inner workings of a British school. Huge thank you to all the staff and students within the 6th form for making this happen, and we hope it will become an annual event.

Thank you to all families for supporting us with our drive to improve the standard of Uniform across the Academy; there has been a noticeable improvement, and students are once again wearing their uniform with pride.

This week is National Apprenticeship week and we have been exploring a variety of apprenticeships on offer for Post 16 study. This route to qualification is a positive step forward in ensuring access for all our students to high quality training. Please do take the time to read the material shared regarding apprenticeships and perhaps join some of the webinars being led by local and national companies. We are very much looking forward to our Future Focus Day on 28th February and hope that the students get a lot out of the experience of engaging with employers and education establishments.

We have one more week of school remaining until the half term holiday, and I am sure that students and staff alike are eagerly anticipating the week long break. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 26th February.

Best wishes,

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

Chris Stainsby

Interim Principal

Sixth Form welcomes our Chinese Visitors

On Monday the 26th January Wixams Sixth Form welcomed and played host to 10 students from China to shadow Year 12 and 13 students. Sixth Form students had to apply to become a “buddy” for the duration of the visit. Many students applied which is a great measure of the calibre of Sixth Formers we have.

Our Chinese visitors attended lessons alongside their Wixams buddies, took part on extra-curricular activities and even competed in an end of week basketball match (which Wixams characteristically won).

Firm friendships have been made and with the support of St Neots English school (the organisers), we hope to welcome more visiting students to the Sixth Form from abroad in the near future.

As you might expect, Wixams Sixth Form students were exemplary in their support, attitude and inclusive behaviour. This of course marks another first for Wixams Sixth Form, well done to all who took part!

Sixth Form never rests and as such, next week marks the start of Junior Leadership, Head student election process. I look forward to sharing the results of this with you after the half term break.



Mr Rob Mercel

Head of Sixth Form

Assistant Principal

Pre-loved uniform shop

Dear parents/carers,

Many thanks for your support with ensuring your children are in the correct uniform. We want to ensure standards are high and things such as uniform help to support your children with their futures and the world of work.

To support with uniform, I am writing to ask the below as we are going to be **opening a pre-loved uniform shop** in which parents can get uniform from the school which is clean and pre-loved. Parents do have the option to give donations via our 'justgiving' link (below) should they wish to in return for the uniform. The donations will then be used to purchase more uniform to support families. The opening times of our uniform shop will follow soon:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/wixams-academy?utm_term=GYznjYg9n

If you have any of the below items and are happy to donate, please bring items to our front office (Clean and washed would also help us):

- Blazers, Ties, Skirts (in need of most)
- Clothes rails
- Clothes hangers
- Belts
- Any other uniform (shirts, trousers, shoes)
- PE/dance kit

Yours sincerely,

Dean Dummett

Associate Assistant Principal

Head of PE

Wixams Academy

Vacancies at Wixams Academy

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

Non Teaching

Office Manager

Invigilators

Further details can be found on MyNewTerm.

Dates for your diary:

12 th February – 16 th February	Spanish speaking mocks
12 th February	Year 7 Reports
19 th February	Half Term
26 th February	Year 11 Spanish Speaking Mocks
27 th February	Year 11-13 Jason Martin apprenticeship talk Food Practical GCSE TBC
27 th February	Year 10 reports go home
28 th February	Careers Fair
29 th February	Year 10 reports go home
4 th March – 14 th March	Year 11 & 13 Mocks
11 th March – 15 th March	Year 10 Spanish Trip