

# Week Commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

### **Dear Parents and Carer**

I wanted to remind you all about our upcoming Headteacher Meet and Greet sessions scheduled for Tuesday, April 30th. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet our new headteacher and share any thoughts or concerns you may have. We've arranged two sessions for your convenience: one at 9:15 AM and another at 4:00 PM. I encourage all of you to attend one of these sessions to meet our new headteacher and learn more about our school's vision and plans for the future. Please use the relevant forms to book your place.

### **Community Safety**

The safety and well-being of our students and community are our top priorities. Over the course of this week there have been a few concerns related to student safety in the community. We are working closely with our safer schools' police officer to ensure the safety of our students both within the school premises and in the wider community. In the coming weeks, we will be conducting assemblies on safety in the community to equip our students with the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe.

### Junior Leadership Team Feedback

I'd like to express my gratitude to the Junior Leadership Team, particularly Year 11, for providing valuable feedback over the past two Fridays. In this week's feedback session, chaired by our Head Chef, we focused on student perspectives on school dinners, menu options, and the quality of food provided. It was heartening to hear students' express satisfaction with the variety of options available and their desire for more healthy choices.

Over the next few weeks, Mr. Mercel, Assistant Headteacher Sixth Form, and I will be reviewing the structure of the Student Leadership Groups to ensure they have greater impact and are involved in the strategic improvements to our school.

I look forward to seeing you at the Headteacher Meet and Greet sessions and appreciate your continued support.

Warm Regards,

Nathaniel Wilson

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Headteacher

# **PTA** message

# Saturday 11th May

12 - 3 PM

**FREE ENTRY** 

Craft Stalls, Netball Tournament,
Tombola, Raffle, Ice-creams, Tuck Shop & More.....
Wixams Academy, Green Lane, Wixams MK42 6BA

Any students wishing to support at the event should make themselves known to Mrs Pearson.

Sign up for the Netball Tournament is via a QR code – please see Miss Goodwin if you need help.

All proceed from the summer fayre will be going to the PE department to help them to raise funds for 4 trampolines.

WIXAMS SPRING FAIR



MIXED

TRAMPOS PE DEPT

# NETBALL

# TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 11TH MAY

12-3PM

**KS3 TOURNAMENT** 

KS4 TOURNAMENT £2 PER PERSON (QR CODE ON SIGN UP FORM)

**QR CODE TEAM SUBMISSION!** 

MAXIMUM 10 PLAYERS MINIMUM 7 PER TEAM

YOU MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 2 PEOPLE PER ENDER. E.G. 8 GIRLS, 2 BOYS OR 6 BOYS, 2 GIRLS







# **Exams News**

### Exams update for KS3 and KS4:

#### Year 11

We are proud of how hard our Year 11 students are working in preparation for their GCSEs. Last week saw the PE, Drama and Art practicals. Art students completed 10 hours of work and the standard was amazing: "better than last year" was the comment from the Art department. This is praise indeed considering that last year's work was commended by the moderator.

This week the language speaking tests will be underway, with the first written exams in the Hall, starting with the Number and Measure and Algebra awards next week. The Maths department are pleased to support an amazing 70 students who have volunteered to take an additional qualification in Level 2 or Level 3 Algebra. Students have been working all year on a Friday after school towards this qualification and are now successfully completing past papers.

More information will go home early this week about the arrangements for revision sessions after half term.

### Year 10

Year 10 had their exams assembly last week to help them understand the processes for the Maths, English and Science tests this week. Students will take these tests in the sports hall or dance studio under proper exam regulations. This will help prepare them for next year and allow our invigilators to get to know the students. We have found in the past that this practice helps reduce anxiety during the real summer GCSE exams in Year 11.

|                               | Morning | Afternoon              |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May | Science | Maths – non calculator |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May  | Science | Maths - calculator     |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May    | English |                        |

Students will start lining up for these tests during tutor period at 8:40am in the morning. Please can we ask for your support to ensure that they arrive on time.

### **End of Year tests**

Other year groups will be completing tests in classes. Subject areas are revising in class and setting revision tasks on Edulink, in time for these tests. There is no formal timetable, but your class teacher should make you aware of the date of the test via Edulink.

The test windows are:

| Year Group | Scheduled tests  |  |
|------------|--|--|
| 7/8        | 1 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May   |  |
| 9          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> June  |  |
| 10         | Maths, English and Science 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May<br>All other subjects 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> June |  |

Although we want our students to work hard and aspire, we do not want them to worry unnecessarily. These are end of year tests and are similar in format to all the other tests that they have completed in class throughout the year.

We wish all our students the very best during this test and exam period and as always will do everything we can to help them reach their full potential. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's tutor. If you are in Year 11 and need exams information, then please contact the exams officer Mrs Morrin or Mrs Hepburn.

## Dates for your diary:

| 29 <sup>th</sup> April                      | Year 7/8 test month begins              |  |
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| 29 <sup>th</sup> April                      | Year 10 Drama Devising Exam             |  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> April                      | Parent Coffee morning/afternoon with Mr |  |
|   | Wilson 09:15am and 16:00pm              |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>nd</sup> May       | Spanish Speaking Exam                   |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> May                         | Bank holiday – school closed            |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> May                         | GCSE/A level Exams start                |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May                         | UNI trip for year 8 (3 tutor groups)    |  |
|   | Geography Trip – year 10 students       |  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> May                         | UNI Trip for year 8 (3 tutor groups)    |  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May                        | Year 8 Vaccinations assembly            |  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> May                        | Year 12 UCAS Evening 6-7.00pm           |  |
| 16-17 <sup>th</sup> May                     | Year 9 Bronze DofE Expedition           |  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> May                        | Year 8 HPV vaccinations                 |  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> May      | Silver DofE Practise Expedition         |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Half term                               |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                        | Students return to school               |  |