



Week Commencing 3rd June 2024.

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable May half-term break. As we embark on the final summer term, we are excited about the opportunities and activities ahead. We are particularly pleased with how well the students have settled back into the academy. Their enthusiasm and commitment to their studies are commendable.

As communicated previously, I will be hosting a Parent Evening this Thursday from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM to discuss the recent OFSTED report. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to share insights, address any concerns, and discuss our plans for continuous improvement. Your participation and feedback are invaluable as we strive to provide the best educational experience for our students.

We look forward to seeing you there and to a successful term ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nathaniel Wilson', positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Nathaniel Wilson

Headteacher

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This week in assemblies

Students have been welcomed back to the Academy and have been reminded of our Academy expectations. We are focusing on the new value for the half term which is Honesty and have been reminded of the need to operate with honesty at all times.

All year groups were asked to reflect on the simple mantra of ‘Work Hard, Be Kind and Always do the Right Thing’. We looked at our SCRiPT expectations and thanked all cohorts for the noticeable improvements in day-to-day positive engagement with our systems and standards.

As a school community we are continuously striving to embed a culture that promotes excellent behaviour, high standards and kindness. We spoke to the students about how membership requires contribution and that the expectation for every student is to contribute positively.

The degree of co-operation and the noticeable shift in culture is incredibly pleasing and we are very proud of how the student body is rising to the challenge of creating an excellent environment for everyone to learn and work within.

Many students were formally praised for their personal contributions and highlighted for their wonderful recent achievements, including science awards and district and county sporting achievements.

We wish to also formally thank families for their ongoing support as we continue this journey together.

Mr A O’Rourke - Assistant Headteacher.

Student Voice Conference

We have been offered the opportunity to take 5 members of Wixams' student voice group to represent the school at the Bedford Borough Pupil Voice conference.

This is an exciting event and an opportunity for our students voices' to be heard across the borough

Student Voice members should email Miss Rahman (srahman@wixamsacademy.co.uk) to register their interest.

Mr R Mercel – Assistant Headteacher

The poster features the Bedford Borough Council logo in the top left, the Bedford Borough Engagement & Development logo in the top right, and a 'Bedford Borough Pupil Voice' logo in the center. The main text is centered on a yellow background, with a row of colorful hands at the bottom.

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Engagement & Development
partnership about child & youth participation

Bedford Borough Pupil Voice

Pupil Voice
School Conference (Secondary)

Tuesday 25th June 2024
9.30am – 2.30pm
@ Bedford Town Football Club
The Eyrie Stadium, Meadow Lane

Art Exhibition



ART EXHIBITION 2024
Thursday 13th June
4pm – 7pm
Refreshments will be provided
Please come along to support our students

WIXAMS ACADEMY
Green Lane, Wixams, Bedford MK42 6BA

The Art Department is thrilled to announce our upcoming Art Exhibition, which will take place on Thursday, 13th June. This event will showcase the incredible work of our students, highlighting the creativity and dedication they have demonstrated, especially those whose work has been formally examined. The exhibition will run from 4 PM to 7 PM, and we warmly invite you to join us in celebrating their achievements.

PTA Fundraising at Lunchtime

WIXAMS ACADEMY

PTA



Ice Creams @ Lunchtime on Thursdays

£1 (Cash Only)

English

Student Shout Out- Nathan P (Year 8)

Students in Year 8 have been studying 'Character and Place' poetry this half term. They were challenged to create their own character poem. Nathan wrote this fantastic piece:

A Man of Steel by Nathan P.

In the heart of the city where neon lights dance
Stands a man of steel with a quiet stance,
His character unwavering and strong
In the chaos around him, he always belongs.

Through the bustling streets where dreams take flight
Lies a place of solace hidden from sight,
A sanctuary of souls where freedom reigns supreme
Unshackles in the bonds of mistreatment in a world so extreme.

In the depths of the forest where shadows play
Exists a spirit of nature guiding the way,
With branches outstretched and leaves whispering tales
It's character a sage where tranquillity prevails.

Years 11 and 13

This week was the final exam week of English exams for our GCSE and A level students. We are very proud of them! It has been fantastic to witness their positive reaction to the exams and we are sure they will go on to achieve great things this summer. Well done to our students and thank you to their families who have supported us in preparing them!

Careers Opportunity

Bedford Borough Libraries have advertised the following work experience opportunity that may be of interest to some of our students

 Bedford Borough Council 4 h · 

Do you know someone aged 14 to 18 who could volunteer at our libraries this summer....

Bedford Borough Libraries are seeking young volunteers to help this summer with the Summer Reading Challenge.

Tasks include helping children join the reading challenge, talking to them about the books they read and handing out their rewards, such as certificates and medals.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, build confidence and gain valuable work experience over the long summer holidays.

For more information ask at your local library or email bedfordshire.libraries@bedford.gov.uk

Performing Arts



Performing Arts Show - Monday 15th July 6pm – 7:30pm at Wixams Academy

£4 adults

£3 Concession

Summer show 2024

Monday 15th July 18:00pm to 19:30pm

at Wixams Academy School, Green Ln, Wixams, Bedford MK42 6BA.

Wixams Academy would like to invite you to the Summer Show on Monday 15th July starting at 6pm. It would be lovely to see you all there to celebrate the talent.

The students participating are already aware and have been rehearsing their pieces in preparation for the show.

Please complete the slip attached to give formal consent for your child to be involved and return it to a member of the performing arts team by **Friday 28th June**.

Students involved in the performance are scheduled to rehearse after school Monday 15th July for a dress and technical rehearsal from period 3 to period 5. Students are then required to stay in the building from 3:20pm to 6pm to allow them time to prepare themselves for the performance. We recommend that your child bring all their costumes and enough food and drink with them for the whole evening.

To purchase tickets for the performance, which cost £4 for adults and £3 concession (Students/OAPs). Tickets are being sold through Eventbrite this year – please use the below link or search Wixams Academy Summer Show 2024.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wixams-academy-summer-show-2024-tickets-920043533977?aff=erelexpmlt>

Please be aware that the Assembly Hall can only hold 140 seats in the audience and tickets are sold on a first come first served basis. Once all tickets have been sold we will not be able to admit other families – please get your orders in quickly to avoid disappointment, and only those with tickets will be admitted to the performance.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours faithfully

The Performing Arts Team

Engaging Girls in Sports

On Monday, 130 KS3 girls had the exciting opportunity to participate in specialised cricket coaching sessions from 'Chance to Shine.' The session aimed to develop their skills in cricket and inspire a new generation of cricket players. 'Chance to Shine' will return to Wixams in June. If your child enjoyed the taster sessions, be sure to have them join our all-age and all-gender cricket club on Wednesdays from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. If they're interested in playing cricket outside of school, please encourage them to speak with a member of the PE department, and we will connect them with local clubs.



Wixams Year 8 team had their first fixture of the year against BFS. It was a historic moment as we had five girls representing Wixams and playing hard ball cricket for the very first time. The mixed-gender team emerged victorious, showcasing brilliant batting and fielding. Well done to everyone involved!



Girls Kwik cricket tournament

This week, we had the pleasure of competing in Cricket East's tournaments. On Tuesday, it was the turn of the Year 7/8 team. The girls had a fantastic day out and persevered even when it began to rain. They showcased impressive batting and fielding skills, finishing 5th overall. Well done, girls!



On Thursday, it was the Year 9/10 girls' tournament. Thankfully, the weather was much better. The girls played a total of six games, winning five and narrowly losing the final by just two runs against a very strong Bedford Girls' School. They finished 2nd overall out of the 11 teams and will advance to the county finals. The girls were a credit to our school, showcasing excellent fielding and batting skills. If you're interested in cricket then please come along to the our cricket club on Wednesday after school 3:30pm-4:30pm.



Dates for your diary:

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| 12 th June – 14 th June | Silver DofE expedition for year 10 and 12 |
| 18 th June | Year 8 Subject meetings |
| 27 th June | Year 7 Subject meetings |
| 28 th June | Year 11 Prom at Amberly Gardens |
| 1 st July | Work Experience week – year 10 Year 12 work experience |
| 3 rd July | Sixth Form Induction Day 1 |
| 4 th July | Sixth Form Induction Day 2 |
| 5 th July | Year 13 Prom at Woodland Manor |
| 9 th July | Year 12 Subject consultations |
| 10 th July | Year 9 Onsite Careers Event |
| 12 th July (TBC) | Sports Day TBC – Athletics stadium |
| 16 th July | Summer Showcase – 6.00-7.00pm |
| 17 th July | Last day of term |