

## Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Dear Parents and Carers

We've had an exciting and eventful week at Wixams Academy, filled with successful events and important updates.

**Culture Day and Sports Day Celebrations** This past week, we celebrated Culture Day and Sports Day with great enthusiasm. It was heartwarming to see so many students dressed in their cultural attire, showcasing the rich diversity that makes our school community special. Lunchtime was a vibrant affair in the main hall, where students had the opportunity to sample foods from various cultures. These events highlighted the diversity we cherish at Wixams Academy and were a testament to our inclusive school spirit.

**Staffing Updates** As the academic year progresses, we have some important staffing updates to share:

**Departing Staff** We bid farewell to the following teachers and wish them all the best in their future endeavors:

- Ms. Lindsey Pearson
- Ms. Jessica Downes
- Mr. Edward Yau
- Ms. Nahima Sultana
- Ms. Gurdeep Sangerha
- Ms. Amanda Thompson
- Mr. Nathan Ferguson
- Ms. Ruksar Akhtar
- Miss. Katie Goodwin

**New and Promoted Staff** We are pleased to announce the following promotions and new additions to our team:

- **Mr. Paddy Downes** has been promoted to Assistant Principal for Personal Development.
- **Mr. Abid Hussain** has been promoted to Head of Design Technology.
- **Mr. Nitin Kalra** joins us as a Teacher of Economics.
- **Mr. S. Nicholson** will join us in September as Head of Geography.
- **Mr. Kieran Farer** will join us in September as a PE Teacher.
- **Ms. Abbie Clelland** has joined as SENDCo Assistant.
- **Ms. Sinead White** has joined as Office Manager.
- **Ms. Rachel Ryan** joins us as a Science Teacher.
- **Mr. Jamie Whenham** joins us as a Maths Teacher.
- **Mr. Ben Durant** joins us as an English Teacher.

**Pastoral Team Restructure** To better support our students, we have restructured our pastoral teams to include Teaching Heads of Year:

- **Ms. Adesina:** Year 7
- **Ms. Price:** Year 8
- **Mr. J. Downes:** Year 9
- **Ms. Catlin:** Year 10

- **Mr. Stevens:** Year 11

The former Heads of Year will now lead on key stages and safeguarding:

- **Ms. Julie Kavanagh** will lead Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8, and 9).
- **Ms. Natasha Biddles** will lead Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11).
- **Ms. Holly Davies** will be our Safeguarding Officer (currently on maternity leave).

**Recruitment Update** We are in the final stages of recruitment and have two vacancies left for a Teacher of Design Technology and a Teacher of Computer Science. We are confident that we will find suitable candidates to fill these positions soon.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement with our school community. We look forward to another successful term ahead.



Nathaniel Wilson

Headteacher

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## Start of Term Plans

### Reminder: Start of Term Plans

As a reminder, the start of term plans are as follows:

- **Monday, 2nd September:** Staff return for INSET days on the 2nd and 3rd of September.

- **Wednesday, 4th September:** Year 7 and Year 12 return to school.
- **Thursday, 5th September:** Year 11 and Year 13 return to school.
- **Friday, 6th September:** Year 8, Year 9, and Year 10 return to school.

As we prepare for the return to school in September, we would like to remind all parents about the essential equipment and uniform requirements for our students. Ensuring your child has the necessary items is crucial for their success in the classroom. We advise that parents purchase these items as soon as possible during the summer holidays so that your child is fully prepared for the new school year. We will be carrying out equipment and uniform checks when students return to the academy.

**Essential Equipment:**

- Black Pen
- Blue Pen
- Purple Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scientific Calculator
- Reading Book
- Highlighter
- Eraser
- Pencil Case

## Congratulations to the following Choreographers and Co-choreographers.

### 1. Street Dance Choreographer:

Congratulations **Freya** on becoming our Street Dance Choreographer! Your passion for street dance is infectious, and we're confident you'll inspire the entire team to push their boundaries and create unforgettable routines.

### 2. Street Dance Co-Choreographer:

Well done **Jaymini** on securing the role of Street Dance Co-Choreographer! Your dedication and skill have not gone unnoticed. We're excited to see how you'll collaborate with the lead choreographer.

### 3. Pom Choreographer:

Congratulations **Amelie** on your position as Pom Choreographer! Your precision, enthusiasm, and leadership skills make you perfect for this role. We can't wait to see the high-energy routines you'll create.

### 4. Pom Co-Choreographer:

Well done **Katelyn** on becoming our Pom Co-Choreographer! Your commitment and creative ideas have truly impressed us. We're looking forward to seeing how you'll work alongside the lead choreographer to bring Spirit.

5. Contemporary Choreographer:

Congratulations **Kade** on your role as Contemporary Choreographer! Your expressive movement and artistic vision make you an excellent choice for this position. We're excited to see how you'll push the boundaries of contemporary dance and tell powerful stories through movement.

6. Contemporary Co-Choreographer:

Well done **Elsbeth** on becoming our Contemporary Co-Choreographer! Your graceful technique and innovative ideas have set you apart. We're thrilled to see how you'll collaborate with the lead choreographer to create moving and thought-provoking pieces. Your sensitivity to music and emotion will bring depth and nuance to our contemporary performances.

7. Company Choreographer

Well done **Eve** on becoming our Company Choreographer! Your exceptional and thought-provoking technique and innovative ideas have set you apart. Your sensitivity to music and emotion will bring depth and brilliance to our Company performances.

8. Company Co-Choreographer

Well done **Jasmin** on becoming our Company Co-Choreographer! Your brilliant and thought-provoking ideas and exceptional technique have set you apart. Your emotive choreography will undoubtedly touch hearts and inspire our audience.

## **Congratulations to our newly appointed Cheer Captain and Cheer Co-captain for the 2024-2025 season!**



We are thrilled to announce that **Amelie** has been selected as our new Cheer Captain, with **Katelyn** taking on the role of Cheer Co-Captain. This dynamic duo will lead our cheer team through the upcoming year.

Amelie and Katelyn have consistently demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and leadership qualities throughout their time with our cheer program. Their passion for cheerleading and ability to inspire others make them ideal choices for these important positions.



As Cheer Captain, Amelie will take on the primary leadership role, coordinating routines, leading practices, and serving as a liaison between cheerleaders and coaches. Katelyn, as Co-Captain, will provide crucial support and assist in managing team activities and morale.

We have full confidence that Amelie and Katelyn will excel in their new roles, elevating our cheer program to new heights in the coming season. Their appointment reflects not only their individual talents but also their commitment to teamwork and the growth of our cheer community.

Please join us in congratulating Amelie and Katelyn on their well-deserved promotions. We look forward to an exciting and successful 2024-2025 cheer season under their leadership!

### Dates for your diary:

Date	Activity
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff briefing in the main hall</li> <li>• HODs meeting – in dept.3:30-4:00pm</li> <li>• Summer Show Case – 6.00-7.30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 9 Brilliant Club Trip to Nottingham</li> <li>• Year 12 Sports Day</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration Assemblies</li> <li>• Last day of term – school closes to all students at 1.00pm</li> </ul>