



THE LION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from the Headteacher



We all enjoyed the usual festive Wymondham College run up to the end of term; Formals were, as always, an absolute joy. However, there have been so many highlights this term, many of which are in this edition of The Lion. For me, I was deeply impressed by the passion, interest and involvement shown by the Sixth Form when we held hustings for the Mid Norfolk prospective parliamentary candidates. My thanks to all involved, especially Mr Thresh for organising and chairing the debate.

I have been putting off writing the next part of my introduction for some time in the false belief that if I do not write it down, it won't happen. Mrs Becky Arnold who has been one of my two Deputies for the last three years will be leaving Wymondham College to take up her new role as Headteacher at Framingham High School in January. I cannot put into words how much Becky will be missed. In the 11 years that she has worked here, she has driven up standards, built trust and developed others in every role that she has undertaken. She is one of the most reflective and hard-working individuals that I have ever had the pleasure to know. She cares deeply about the students and staff at the College and has been a driving force behind so many of the initiatives and projects that have supported our students over the years. Becky is an outstanding teacher, senior leader and friend. I know that she will bring pride, passion and positivity to her new role and on behalf of the whole College community, I wish her every happiness and success for the future.

Finally, I wish you all a happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Mr Dan Browning – Headteacher



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Year 7 Genius Hour

Year 7 Genius Hour Fair will be taking place on Saturday 18 January at 11:00 in the Sports Hall. Parents and Carers of Year 7 student are invited to attend and see the amazing work the students have done on their projects. More information to follow in the New Year.

Miss K Constable

Farewell Mrs Arnold



After 11 years at Wymondham College it is time for me to move on to pastures new. I am delighted to be taking up the position of Headteacher at Framingham Earl High School and proud to still be part of the Sapientia Trust.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the families, colleagues and young people who have been part of my story at Wymondham College. I have learnt so much whilst I have been here and will forever be thankful to those people in the school who have nurtured and supported me.

So much about the College is unique and I will always have fond memories of the parts of our life here that are so important and are not a feature elsewhere... the height of heels at Christmas formals, singing in Sunday Chapel, sharing toast on boarding duties, the feeling of a Friday before Exeat, every child sitting and enjoying meals together and so much more!

There are so many individual people I will miss but most of all it will be the feel of the College - the thirst for knowledge our young people show, the passion of parents and carers, the 'can do' attitude of support staff, Estates and Catering, the scrutiny of our Governors who challenge us to achieve and the keenness of teaching staff to deliver top quality lessons.

I wish every young person at the College success as they move forward into 2020 and hope to visit in the New Year for Billy Elliot, the Mair Cup and of course, join in the PSA Quiz night!

Merry Christmas and a genuine thank you to everyone

Mrs Becky Arnold – Deputy Headteacher

Medical Centre

Flu Clinic

We had a successful flu clinic for those students who were eligible for the flu vaccine on the NHS in November.

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine they can still be done at many local chemists (Over 12)

The cost appears to be between £10.00 and £13.00

Foreign Travel

Travelling with young people often requires careful planning. It is advisable to consult a travel health practitioner at least 6-8 weeks in advance of departure. The risks to health vary, taking into account destination, length of stay, planned activities, age and the general health of your child.

Therefore, please let us know in good time of any planned trips by completing the Foreign Travel Immunisation forms and providing as much information as possible. These can be found on the Parent Portal page of the VLE, under School Documents; Medical Consent Forms; Foreign Travel Immunisation. Once completed, we will make an appointment with a nurse from Wymondham Medical Practice, where they will identify what the recommendations are for the place they are travelling to and any costs involved. We will inform you of the outcome and ask you to complete consent forms. We will then make the appointments accordingly.

Please be aware some vaccines may offer disease protection within two weeks, whereas others may require over a month. Some vaccine schedules require two or more doses given over weeks or months before adequate protection is obtained.

Some vaccines are available free on the NHS; however, there may be a charge for some recommended vaccines.

Many Thanks and have a Happy Christmas

Medical Centre Nurses

Year 11 Mock Bar competition winners



On Saturday 16 November, students from our Year 11 took on others from across the region to be crowned Eastern Region winners of the Mock Bar competition. Wymondham College team performed at an outstanding level all day in the 3 heats. They won through to the final and just pipped The Sixth Form College Colchester by 83 points to 82.

The team will now prepare for a day at the Old Bailey London on 21 March 2020. Students were supported by Mrs Becky Arnold and Miss Catherine Lovatt in their preparations alongside having a visit to Norwich Crown Court and receiving some mentoring from Chris Youell (CPS) and Kerry Rowell (Rogers & Norton).

The cases they were dealing with on Saturday were in relation to a nightclub fight and possession of drugs with intent to supply. All the students put in huge amounts of effort and a special mention goes to Annie and Efe who took on new roles in the final round – super stars!



Mrs B Arnold – Deputy Headteacher



Wymondham College Futures

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE FUTURES

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

Year 11 Discover Careers Morning

The Peter Rout building was buzzing with students attending talks from over 20 different organisations during the morning. Students chose four talks to attend in advance from a range which included the NHS, Prison & Probation Service, Arnold Keys, Lanpro, Creative Sponge, Theatre Royal, British Film Institute, First Choice Healthcare, Proeon, Spire Solicitors, Reassure, Easton College, Agriculture, Fundenhall Farm, Chapelfield Vets, RAF Intelligence, Army, CISCO, Bishop Grosseteste, UEA and NUA. The talks were followed by sessions with the National Citizen Service - an action-packed programme which students are strongly encouraged to attend during the summer holidays.

Sixth Form Employability Workshop



Emily Watton from Future First facilitated an excellent Feeding Britain's Future Workshop called "Building My Brand" with a group of Year 12 and 13s. This was supported by volunteers from Hain Daniels and Tulip who discussed their roles and the pathways into their careers. As well as finding out about the different jobs within the food industry, students had the opportunity to practice their interview skills.

Women of the Future STEM event

Twelve Year 10 girls took part in this event at the John Innes Centre to learn about the many opportunities in science, technology, engineering and maths.

Sixth Form Futures

Volunteering has been the subject of the last two Futures sessions for Year 12 students after hearing about the work of the Street Child charity and discovered the opportunities available through Voluntary Norfolk. Both speakers highlighted the benefits of volunteering for future job and university applications and as a way of developing new skills and social networks.

Year 13 learned about the importance of Trade Unions and their role in working life from a UNITE representative. This was followed in the last week of term by a presentation on career opportunities in wildlife conservation and related gap year projects.

Unifrog.org – online resource for students and parents

All students have access to the Unifrog online careers resource. Parent log in: Your email and the code: wymondhamparent

Students are encouraged to record their activities such as part time jobs, team sport, D of E award, drama etc. This will help them build up a CV and personal statement. Click on the pink square, ACTIVITIES to find out more.

And finally...

May I take this opportunity to thank parents and students for their support during my time at the College and to send my best wishes to students as they take the next steps in their career.

Mrs E Edwards – Careers Leader

CCF Eastern Region Air Squadron Competition



On the 1 December, RAF Cadets from the CCF Contingent took part in the Eastern Region Air Squadron Trophy. They competed against 17 other teams.

They came joint third overall which was a terrific outcome. The highlight of the event was the prestigious drill competition. The drill team put on a brilliant display, which gained them first place, and a well-deserved trophy.

Well done to all the hard work put in by the cadets, and the excellent support from the Adult Staff, Vicki Franklin-Brown and John Sheeran.

Major Madeley

College Office

We would like to say thank you for the continued and valuable communication we receive from parents/carers which are crucial to our registration process whether it is a planned absence of leave or unplanned illness. If we can remind you that when students are unwell during the College day, they seek advice from our Medical Centre team before any calls are made and that if you are required to collect your child, they are signed out from College Office to ensure we know where they are and who is collecting them. Can we also ask that when you submit a [Leave of Absence Form](#), it is submitted to the College Office either as a hard copy or sent electronically.

If, by chance as part of their Christmas gift, students will be receiving items they will bringing to College, please ensure they are named or marked as such in the event they are lost. We still receive a considerable amount of lost property items and as always, we are keen for items to be returned.

We will continue to issue the Sixth Form lunch tickets from College Office and confirm you may pay for these in advance via your Scopay account, which aids the issue of tickets. We are also happy to continue to accept cash payments at the College Office.

College Office is open between 08:00 and 16:30 Monday to Thursday, and 08:00 to 16:00 Friday. We can be contacted on 01953 609075 or via email collegeoffice@wymondhamcollege.org

The College Office Team wishes you a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing students return in January.

Ms S Flint – Administration Manager

Dates for your Diaries

Date	Time	Event
13/12/2019		End of Autumn Term
13/12/2019	13:00-14:00	Late House – Peel Hall
Christmas Break		
05/01/2020	16:00	Early House – Peel Hall
Week Commencing 06/01/2020		Week B
06/01/2020-16/01/2020		Year 13 Mock Exams
Week Commencing 13/01/2020		Week A
Week Commencing 13/01/2020		Big Switch Week
14/01/2020		Headteacher's Assembly Year 11
18/01/2020-19/01/2020		Genius Hour Year 7
24/01/2020	19:00-22:00	PSA Quiz and Chips
24/01/2020-26/01/2020		Exeat Weekend
24/01/2020		Late House – New Hall



Events

We all had a great time at our Year 7 Bingo evening in November.

Our popular Chilli & Quiz is back again in the New Year on Friday 6 March. Grab a team and your thinking caps. Tickets will be on sale shortly via our Facebook Page and on reception. More news to follow soon!

200 Club Lottery

The 200 Club Lottery is limited to 200 places and has a monthly draw with guaranteed cash prizes of £75 and £30 and a chance to win up to £2,000 and £1,000 in the September Jackpot! (current prize levels). Only 80 numbers left to allocate.

By joining our lottery for £5 a month you are supporting the Wymondham College Bursary Fund which assists students with the cost of educational trips which they otherwise wouldn't be able to afford and educational projects such as buying new library computers.

wymondhamcollegepsa@gmail.com.

PSA Uniform, Sports Equipment & Toiletries Shop

The PSA Shop is open every Saturday in term time 11:30-12:30. We sell quality used and new uniforms; sports footwear and equipment, mouth guards, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant and lip salves to non-branded white shirts and trousers from quality labels like M&S and John Lewis. Payment is by Cash/Cheque made payable to Wymondham College PSA. The shop is next to the Sports Hall. Mouth Guards and Ties are also available to buy at Main Reception.

Volunteering

Do you have an hour a year to help us?

We have a rota of volunteers who help with PSA social events, serving refreshments at College events such as parent consultation evenings, concerts (the Catering Team do all the baking and the washing up!) and helping in the PSA Shop.

Please email Ellen Leary PSA Secretary, wymondhamcollegepsa@gmail.com



Keep in Touch

To find out what the Wymondham College Parent Staff Association have been up to, for upcoming or recent events, and how our funds are being spent, or if there's anything you would like to raise please follow us on:

- Facebook WYMONDHAMCOLLEGEPSA
- Twitter @WYMONDHAMCOLPSA
- Email wymondhamcollegepsa@gmail.com
- Come along to a committee meeting.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 11 January at 10.00. All are welcome with refreshments provided.

Mrs Katy Lavington Woods - Vice Chair and Publicity Officer Parent Staff Association

www.facebook/WymondhamCollegePSA



Welcome to our end of term outing in the Lion

Wednesday 27 November saw the 100 club monthly draw take place at The Countryman, Tasburgh. It was good to see a few there and results of the draw are posted on our existing website WCremented. This is updated once a month, if you have any content you would like to have put on there, please let me have it. We keep this as a working web site as a treasure trove and record of the College thus far.

Are you aware of this site?

It has a huge archive of photos and stories from the College Campus from its inception as a Hospital in 1941 up to the present day. It's well worth a visit for anyone who has any remote links with The College, if you've been to the College you may well see yourself and there is photos of past reunions etc, it's a great resource.

Travel Award

Each year students who are taking a gap year or similar are offered to apply for The Old Wymondhamian Travel Award. This is for a student who is going to travel and do something educational such as teach in a foreign school or some other worthy cause for a significant period of time overseas. The award is for £750.00 and is decided after an interview to one candidate.

We have seen over the years, students thrive after this experience and look forward to receiving their report when they return. In future Lions it would be good to share some of these stories and will seek permission from the authors to do so.

Our co-ordinator at the College for this has been Liz Edwards. Liz has always worked hard to get the students interested in this award, collected and let us have the applications, chased me when I haven't got back to her! It has helped students develop and it is with sadness that we learn of her departure. We say thank you Liz for what you have done and wish you best wishes for her new endeavours.

All students and those who work at the College automatically become OWS on their departure so we welcome Liz and all others who leave the college into the family that is The Old Wymondhamians!

May I wish everyone a healthy, peaceful and happy Christmas and New year and look forward to what 2020 brings.

Best Wishes

John Mewse - Chair Old Wymondhamians

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