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Welcome from the Headteacher



I do hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

There is much to look forward to this term at the College, especially our production of 'Billy Elliot'. Please make sure you buy your tickets soon - it's bound to be a sell out! My thanks go to all the students and staff who are working so hard to make this yet another brilliant show.

As you know, Mrs Arnold (Deputy Headteacher) left before Christmas to take up her new role as Headteacher at Framingham Early High School. It is a pleasure to welcome Mrs Jay Edmunds-Grezio who is now in post. She has included a short biography in this edition. I am sure you will all join with me to welcome her into our very special community.

Tea and a Tour with the Headteacher

It is always a pleasure to meet with parents at College events, open days, PSA meetings and parent forums. However, I think sometimes it's good just to have a cuppa and a catch up in an informal setting. To this end, I would like to invite you to join me for 'tea and a tour' on the following dates:

Saturday 1 February	11:00 – 12:00
Saturday 29 February	11:00 – 12:00
Saturday 25 April	09:45 – 10:45
Saturday 16 May	11:00 – 12:00
Friday 22 May	14:45 – 15:45

Refreshments will be provided, and we can have a chat and then I am happy to personally show you around the College campus. Spaces are limited so there is a requirement to book a place by emailing my PA, Mrs Mary Lawson on secretary@wymondhamcollege.org at least 24 hours before your preferred date.

If you have specific concerns or issues relating to your child/ren, you should either contact their teacher, tutor or Head of House in the first instance. If you have specific issues that you wish to discuss with me in private, appointments can be made as always via Mrs Lawson.

Best Wishes

Mr Dan Browning – Headteacher



@mrdbrowning



The National Teaching Awards

The Pearson National Teaching Awards are the 'Oscars' of the teaching profession.

Please take a moment to say 'thank you' to a teacher who has given outstanding support to your children. If you complete a form, the teacher will receive a personalised 'thank you card'.

The awards were set up to recognise and celebrate excellence in education on a UK-wide basis. Run by the Teaching Awards Trust and supported by Pearson and the BBC, they are the UK's most prestigious celebration of transformational teaching. The Awards honour exceptional teaching and culminate in a glittering awards ceremony televised by the BBC. Our vision is a teaching profession with high morale and a society that values and celebrates the great work that is done by teachers and leaders in education.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

Mr Browning - Headteacher

Introduction to the College



I would firstly like to express how excited I am to have joined such a wonderful team of educators and mentors at Wymondham College. There is a wonderful vibe around the campus and both staff and students have made me feel extremely welcome. Just this weekend I have experienced my first Genius Hour Fair with our Year 7 students. There was so much evidence of the effort and hard work that had gone into their projects, paired with an incredible enthusiasm for sharing their findings and knowledge. All students demonstrated their ability to take on independent research and widen their knowledge beyond the school curriculum.

A little bit about me

Having graduated with a degree in Mathematics, I first trained in finance and IT and travelled the world with my work. It was upon my return to the UK that I decided to follow my heart and study for a post graduate qualification to enter the world of education, and I have not looked back.

I have been a senior leader since 2013 and joined Wymondham College in January 2020 as Deputy Headteacher, having been Vice Principal for CMAT at Ely College since 2016. My passion for education and student success is the foundation for my leadership and drive. With prior experience in state, independent, boarding and international schools, I will endeavour to combine my experience and expertise to ensure a united effort to achieve the best for our students and staff in the aim to continue to drive the highest standards.



I very much look forward to meeting and/or speaking with you over the coming months and to working with our students to ensure that they are equipped to achieve their full potential whilst at Wymondham College and beyond.

Mrs J Edmunds-Grezio – Deputy Headteacher

From the Bursar



We are pleased to keep you updated with some exciting developments across the College Campus.

Firstly, there has been a major refurbishment of the Gymnasium floor which has transformed the Basketball space. We will continue the programme by re-painting the Gymnasium during the Easter holidays as well as have a survey for all new windows to be installed during the Summer holidays.

Secondly, as part of a rolling programme of refurbishment of the teaching areas, we have installed new flooring in half of the Humanities building as well as new carpet in the Drama break-out area. It is hoped that we will continue with the rest of the reflooring in the next academic year and to replace the lighting over the Drama break-out area.

Thirdly, there has been repainting of all the classrooms in Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) and we are looking at quotes for new carpeting in some of the classrooms.

Fourthly, we are delighted with the new Peter Rout building, especially the Viscountess



Knolly's Room which provides an impressive resource space. Over Half Term we will be installing new panelling along the walls of the lower floor corridor to provide a robust surface protected against the daily wear and tear of College life!

Fifthly, the initial groundworks for the Main School Refectory extension have been dug and prepared for the foundation work due during Spring Term. Once this work has been completed, the steel framework, which has been ordered, will be installed and the extension completed during the Summer holidays. This is a major College project that will be ready for the new academic year and significantly enhance the Refectory in delivering their excellent fare!

Finally, the Tom Eaton Centre is undergoing a major reconstruction, led by our excellent Campus Services Department, to provide a cutting edge new Music Department and performance space. The work is on schedule and will be ready for use at Easter.

Mr P Cox – Bursar & Operations Manager



Genius Hour

GENIUS HOUR

Saturday saw the first of this year's Genius Hour projects, with Year 7 showing off their projects in the sports hall to parents and teachers. The Year 7 students really raised the bar with the quality of their personal projects.

It was extremely hard to judge the projects due to the high quality, but the winners are as follows:

Leonardo Da Vinci Genius Award Nat Stephens – Cavell Hall <i>Working Vending Machine</i>	
Science 1 Freddie Pattison – Cavell Hall <i>The speed of Light</i>	Languages Jake Blower – Cavell Hall <i>Japanese Culture</i>
Science 2 Jesamine Sanderson – Cavell Hall <i>Open Water Diving</i>	Geography Oli Blake – Peel Hall Leo Gerber – Peel Hall Jonah Stanwell Smith – Kett Hall <i>Natural Disasters</i>
History Nathan Yu – New Hall Charlie Sheeran – New Hall Harvey Williams – New Hall <i>General Patton & Sir Douglas Bader</i>	Photography Martha Bashaun – Cavell Hall <i>Photography Display</i>
Social Sciences Alex Worsley – Cavell Hall <i>History of Parliament</i>	Art and Design Ophelia Tervet – Peel Hall <i>The Slomp</i>
Technology Charlie Russell – Cavell Hall Zane Wilson -Cavell Hall <i>Hovercraft</i>	Music, Drama and Dance Oscar Beckett – Kett Hall <i>The importance of studying Music</i>
Food Technology Irene Angel Garcia – Peel Hall Ella Smyth – Peel Hall Mia Broom – Peel Hall <i>Gluten V Gluten Free</i>	Environment Flossie Cheeseman – Fry Hall Tilly Drew - Cavell <i>Climate change</i>
Literature Christopher Myhill – New Hall Akram Popoola – New Hall Faisal Estfanos – New Hall <i>Murder Mystery</i>	Sport Niamh Rushton – New Hall Millie Hopkinson – New Hall <i>Game invention</i>



Medical Centre

Asthma Inhalers

Winter season is now well under way, so please can all asthmatics ensure they have their Ventolin inhalers on them at all times.

Medicine Deliveries

Deliveries of medicines to the College Med Centre are now every Wednesday; please ensure all prescription requests are ordered in a timely fashion.

Headlice

Some students have found head lice recently. We have updated our guidance and information for managing head lice.

This will shortly be available on the VLE.

Meanwhile please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> for advice

Upcoming Dates

HPV Clinic Year 9 Girls	6 Feb – more details to follow.
ACWY Year 9 Boys and Girls	9 June
ACWY Year 8 Boys and Girls	8 June - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio (one vaccine) and Men ACWY (one vaccine) - 2 in total.

Med Cen Number

Can parents please put the Medical Centre number in their mobiles: 01953 609027 so that the number is recognised when we call. On a number of occasions, we have needed to contact parents but have had no answer from the land line or mobile number.

Come Dine with Me



We would like to offer all parents the opportunity to dine with Bob and the students at lunch time, week commencing 10 February. This is your opportunity to have a look around the catering department and have a chat with about everything relating to food at the College. Please contact Bob, Catering Manager to book the day you would like to attend, please report to reception on arrival and Bob will collect you from there. Please book early as numbers will be limited.

Mr Bob Bales – Catering Manager

balesro.ad@wymondhamcollege.org Telephone 01953 609016



Design & Technology Product Sale

Here is just a selection of the great products students have been making in their DT core groups. Watch out for emails so you can order items, or ensure your child has money to buy the items at break and lunch in the last week of half term.

Year 9 Core DT classes have been busy designing and making products in teams, with a maximum loan of £10 for materials. Many groups have used recycled materials to improve sustainability and reduce costs. There are a range of items from jewellery, concrete tealight holders to tech decks and stress balls. All items for sale are £3 and under and some groups will be donating any profit made to charity. Please support the students by buying a gift for a loved one – great Valentines presents to be had, an alternative to Easter chocolate, or even stocking fillers for those who like to plan ahead!

Ms Lloyd – Head of Design & Technology



Headteacher's Council – Big Switch Week

As part of Headteacher's Council projects for the year we are reinstating the 'Big Switch Week' in which we challenge all on the College campus to save as much energy as possible through actions such as turning off lights when leaving rooms and reducing amount of time on computers and televisions in houses. The aim of this week is to raise awareness throughout the College about what we can all contribute to help save energy in school and boarding houses as every little helps the environment.

This event will commence on the week beginning 27 January and we'd like to challenge parents at home to try and be as eco-friendly as possible as well as the staff and students so that we can hopefully apply these environmentally aware practices permanently in our lifestyle.

Isi McPartlin – Headteacher's Council

College Office



As we head towards the end of January, this term is looking just as busy as any other.

We have had a number of absences due to illness and would like to re-iterate the process for reporting absences. Please contact College Office as soon as possible if your child is unwell and cannot attend and we will register the absence. If your child is unwell during the school day, they must be seen by our Medical Centre staff and you will be contacted if you are required to collect your child who should, if able to, sign out at College Office. Please inform us of all appointments such as medical or dental by submitting a Leave of Absence or, if the appointment is arranged at short notice, please email or call.

Lost property items still cause some concern as we currently have a large number of coats in lost property which have not been claimed and we are unable to reunite with owners as they are not marked with any names. Please encourage your child/children to call at College Office if they have mislaid their coat and, can we ask that all clothing and bags are marked with names which makes the process of finding the owner a little easier. We are unable to store lost property and will, at the end of term donate suitable items to our PSA shop or to charity.

Sixth Form lunch payments can be made on Scopay at your convenience which helps the process of issuing the lunch tickets, but we still accept payments at the office.

Please ensure you keep us informed of any changes such as email addresses or telephone numbers to ensure we have full contact details.

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

Ms S Flint – Administration Manager

Dates for your Diaries

Date	Event
29/01/20	Year 11 Parents Evening
02/02/20	Big Weekender
03/02/20	Year 13 Parents Evening
08/02/20	Sixth Form Mini Open Morning
10/02/20	Year 8 Options Evening
11/02/20 – 14/02/20	Billy Elliot Musical Performances
14/02/20	Late House: Kett Hall
23/02/20	Early House: Kett Hall
27/02/20	Year 10 Art Exhibition – Technology Block
05/03/20	Year 7 Parents Evening



Chilli & Quiz

Come and have a fun evening in the warm with teams of up to 8 people. Enjoy Bob's delicious chilli and see if you can be crowned the winner for 2020. This year we are running a licensed bar with all proceeds going to benefit the students. We would appreciate your support, as always.

19:30 6 March 2020 at the Refectory, Wymondham College.

Tickets are available from reception and via www.jumblebee.co.uk/chilliquiz

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).

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 and 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 Committee Meeting Minutes are published on the Wymondham College VLE.

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

www.facebook.com/WymondhamCollegePSA



A very happy New Year to you all!

Where has the time gone from New Year to the first Exeat weekend?

At beginning of the New Year please do think of joining our 100 Club, for the price of not more than two coffees a month collectively you can make a real difference and you get a really good chance to win some cash back too. In the next Lion we hope to have a couple of stories from people who we have supported with travel awards which we give out annually and it changes people's lives, so if you can, please think about this small monthly donation.

Wouldn't it be great if we could have 100 clubs set up for each house you were in, just think of the good that could be done.

Do have a look at the Wymondham College Remembered website for past winners and for a stroll down memory lane.

I look forward to sharing this month's winners next time and tell you a little more of what's happening with The Old Wymondhamians. If you would like to get in touch, please e mail me on johncmewse@gmail.com. And don't forget to like our Facebook page.

My very best wishes

John Mewse - Chairman Old Wymondhamians
Boarder Cavell 77-82

100 Club

I have been asked a few times recently where the proceeds of the OW 100 club actually end up. So, I thought that I would do a quick resume of where the monies have been distributed to over the past few years.

1. Part sponsorship of the College hymn books - £1,500 – 2008
2. Part sponsorship of the Heritage Trail signboards - £3,000 – 2010
3. Contribution to the 1st XV rugby tour of South Africa - £500 – 2012
4. 1st XI cricket kit - £700 – 2016
5. Buttle Charity [bursary funding] - £1,000 – 2016
6. Cricket pitch improvements - £2,000 – 2016
7. Part sponsorship of the all-weather tennis/netball court refurbishment - £1,000 – 2017
8. 1st XV rugby shirts - £870 – 2017

This is in addition to the £750 annual Travel Award that has been distributed since 2012.

Since the inception of the OW 100 club in October 2003, in excess of £45,000 has been raised. This is a remarkable amount considering we still only have 108 members. In the early years, this supported the production and postage of the OW Newsletter, secretarial support, and continues to provide for some of the WCRemembered website costs.

Moving forward there is a long-term aim to establish a Wymondham College Heritage Centre in the College grounds. We are therefore holding back monies to be able to support the various funding applications that will inevitably have to be submitted.

Steve Read (the OW Treasurer) and I meet on a monthly basis at hostelrys within Norfolk to sup some of the excellent real ales on offer. Several of you have joined us over the years and there is statistical evidence that attendance at the draw leads to a win shortly afterwards! If you have a local that you would like us to visit, please let us know. If you wish to be kept advised of the monthly meetings and who has won, please contact me so that I can add you to the list.

Subscription is still only £5.00 per month and there are two monthly prizes of £55. There is also the possibility of winning one of the three STAR prizes of £500, £200 & £75 (in June and December). For those of you who may wish to join, the monthly payment can be made by Standing Order but we are happy to accept yearly payments of £60.00 from anyone who would prefer to subscribe in that way.

If you feel that you can support us in this scheme, please complete our bank mandate form or contact:

Phil Robinson – 100 Club Administrator (Philrobinson55@btinternet.com)