



Welcome from the Headteacher



We have arrived at the first Exeat of the New Year and I have to say that it has flown by! The weather has become colder and some mornings have been icy with a little snow, we have also seen some wonderful moonlit skies over the College (see photos on my twitter @mrdbrowning). A reminder that if, due to extreme weather, the College has to close for day students, we will inform you via our website, local radio, social media and the NCC school closure website.

Of the many highlights of the Exeat, the Year 7 Genius Hour Fair stands out; the sheer variety and quality of projects on show was impressive, as was the confidence of the students as they explained what they have learnt by completing the Genius Hour Project. A huge thank you to Kim

Constable for leading this initiative.

In January, we welcomed Mr Joe Pointon to the College. Joe joins us as Assistant Headteacher in charge of Teaching, Learning and Continued Professional Development. He is an MFL specialist and a fantastic teacher. His previous role was as Head of MFL and Senior Teacher at an Ofsted 'outstanding' Ministry of Defence School.



I am sure that you have all read the extremely exciting news that Wymondham College Prep School will open on the College campus in 2020. We will welcome primary age day students and boarding students (in Year 5 initially and then Year 6). A new boarding house will also be built in our grounds. For more information or to register your interest, please go to the Sapiientia Education Trust website - <https://www.se-trust.org/955/wymondham-college-prep-school>.

On the topic of websites, many of you will have noticed that the College website has been radically re-shaped. We hope that the website proves to be useful and that it reflects the unique nature of our wonderful school. I thank those of you who have already commented and offered feedback via the 60 second survey we have running on the main welcome page – www.wymondhamcollege.org.

Best wishes for a lovely Exeat weekend.

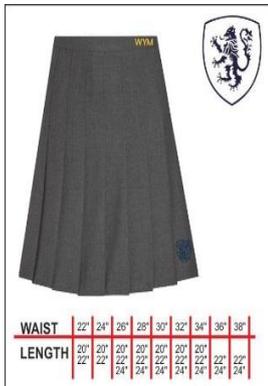
Mr Dan Browning – Headteacher



@mrdbrowning



Uniform – New Wymondham College Skirts



The skirt was chosen by the students and is available now at Birds of Dereham.

The skirt costs from £21 and should be bought to sit on the knee.

Those families in receipt of Pupil Premium can use their allowance to purchase uniform from Birds – they will need to contact Mrs Becky Arnold arnoldbe.staff@wymondhamcollege.org in the first instance.

Mrs B Arnold - Deputy Headteacher

www.birdsofdereham.com/shop/product/pleated-skirt-wymondham-college-28775/

Come Dine with Me

We would like to offer all parents the opportunity have a look around the catering department and to dine with Bob and the students at lunch time week commencing 4 February 2019. Please contact Mr Bob Bales, Catering Manager to book the day you would like to attend. Lunch will be available from 12:25-13:30 daily. Please book early as numbers will be limited. On arrival at the College, please report to Reception where you will be met and taken to the Refectory.

Mr Bob Bales – Catering Manager

Year 11 Easter Revision – Save the Date

For those students keen to kick start their Easter Revision with support from the College staff we will be running 3 days at the start of the holidays.

Friday 5 April, Monday 8 April and Tuesday 9 April

Each day will have registration at 8:45 then sessions 09:00 - 15:00 with a 15 minute biscuit break and a 45 minute lunch break.

The cost of the programme is:

One day £15, Two days £25 or Three days £35.

We are not able to offer boarding to support this event.

More details and booking forms will be sent to Y11 families w/c 11 February.

Mrs B Arnold - Deputy Headteacher

Waste not, want not

The Design and Technology Department are always trying to promote sustainability through our projects. We are on the lookout for suppliers of materials, in particular any timbers, steel, plastics, composite boards and cardboard sheets. We can often make use of smaller offcuts. Does your company throw away “scrap” material that we could use in College? We would love to make links with local businesses to promote sustainability to the students and show them how the materials are used in industry. If you could contact Ms Lloyd on the email below if you are able to offer any materials that we could reuse in our projects, we would be very grateful.

Lloydca.staff@wyndhamcollege.org

Ms Lloyd – Head of Design & Technology

Can we Solve your problems?

Do you ever wish your umbrella didn't turn inside out? That you had a better way to travel to work or had the perfect space to escape and indulge in your hobby?

Well we can't promise to solve everything for you, but we would love to hear what design problems you have. We are looking for students, parents, guardians, grandparents, brothers, sisters, carers or even next door neighbours to send us in your design problems. Use the link below, or scan the QR code to complete a brief questionnaire about any design problems you have and whether you would be willing to become involved as a client, should your problem be chosen to be solved.

We hope to use the problems to get our students thinking about solving everyday problems from a wide variety of people.

Who know you may find your problem being pitched one day on Dragons Den!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HhF8To_Dq0GAnm-GuB7UZG9RVkNNOc9lqE2Xe7O3xDtUM0JTTIVYVFVaWUIJNTc3NVkxT1IYMzFTUS4u

Ms Lloyd – Head of Design & Technology

Spring Concert 2019

The Spring Concert was due to be held on the Sunday 10 February, but has now moved to Thursday 7 March at 19:00 in the Music Centre.

Mr A Day – Director of Music

Intervention Gateways: Academic Support following Progress Reviews

We are trialling this term a new system of academic support following Progress Reviews. Our focus for the trial is Years 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13. The aim is to ensure that all students are supported if required following our data points. The support may be from a member of the House leadership team or the tutor. If a one to one session is part of the support offered the action plan created will be shared with parents so you can see the targets your son or daughter is working on leading to the next Progress Review. Similarly, we are keen to ensure that students are praised for their progress across their subject areas and rewards are being added on Schoolbase with a supporting email home.

Mrs B Arnold – Deputy Headteacher

HPV Clinic

The Immunisation team will be visiting the College Wednesday 6 March to provide the HPV immunisation.

Parents of Year 8 female students have been emailed details of this immunisation and how to access the consent form portal

The Immunisation team already have the paper consents for Year 9 female students who received their first immunisation last year.

The consent form portal will close 20/02/19.

If you have not been sent the above details and you wish your daughter to have the HPV vaccine please contact us on medical.ad@wymondhamcollege.org and we will send them to you.

Further information is available:

[For girls and their parents](#)

[NHS Choices](#)

[Medical information](#)

For information or advice please contact the immunisation team on 01603 779390 or 0300 555 5055 or email: ccs.norfolk.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Mrs S Cousens – Medical Centre Nurse



Sportshall County Championships

Our Wymondham College athletes keep bringing home the medals! Earlier this month at the Norfolk County Sportshall Athletics Championships Georgia Pegg (Y8 Peel) took the County Champion title in the 6 lap event and the bronze in the speed bounce challenge. Georgia, who recently took almost 3 seconds off her 800 metre PB at the Lee Valley stadium, will now go on to represent Norfolk at the Anglian Schools Sportshall event. Both Georgia and Joe Machin, who took bronze in the U13 boys 6 lap event, also qualified yesterday for Norfolk Schools Cross Country Championships which was held at Langley School this week. Congratulations both and we look forward to hearing how you got on at the Championships.

Mrs P Atkin – Houseparent

Genius Hour

The Year 7 Genius Hour Fair was a phenomenal success on Saturday 19 January. The students really raised the bar in terms of the quality of the projects that were produced, and they were also extremely articulate when discussing their projects. The judging of the projects was extremely difficult and in the end it was decided to award 2 Leonardo Da Vinci Awards as they were both so good it was impossible to choose between them - Maisy Fisher (Fry) - Dracula and Blythe Brown (Kett) - Renewable Energy. All winners will receive their prizes and certificate after Exeat weekend.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and helped to make the event such a success and well done to all the students, your projects were amazing.




Genius Hour Fair Winners

Leonardo Da Vinci Genius Award	
Name & House	Project
Blythe Brown – Kett Hall	Renewable Energy (Environment)
Maisy Fisher – Fry Hall	Dracula (Literature)

Award	Name & House	Project
Film and Media	Patience Sadler – New Hall Sophie Welham – New Hall	History of Harry Potter
Social Sciences	Tabitha Murphy – Fry Hall	The Homeless
Art	James Ellis – New Hall Theo Ison – New Hall Billy Mann – New Hall	Sculpture Art
Photography	Joshua Yaxley – Cavell Hall Femi Alasi – Cavell Hall	Photography
Sport	Macie Hitter – Peel Hall	Karting
Technology	Thomas Broadley – New Hall Finlay Wmyss-Holden – New Hall	Electric Motors
Science	Hugo Pattison – Cavell Hall	Mathematics of the Solar System
Geography	Sam Minnis – Kett Hall	Tsunamis
History	Isaac Walsh – Kett Hall	World War II / D-Day Landings
Food Technology	Alice Brand – Cavell Hall	Baking and Manufacturing

Miss K Constable – Social Science Teacher

The Red Box Project

You can help end period poverty!

A recent study found that over 137,700 children in the UK have missed at least one day of school because they couldn't afford sanitary products. Another found that 40% of girls have used toilet paper because they couldn't access proper sanitary products. Nobody should face this issue.

The Red Box Project is a charity that quietly ensures that no young person misses school because they have their period. Working as a nationwide community, The Red Box Project seeks to provide free menstrual products for the young people in schools.

At Wymondham College we believe that no student should fall behind her male counterparts due to her period and recognise that many of us are in a position to help tackle period poverty. As part of our red-themed charity week we will be holding an interhouse box filling competition with the long term aim of having permanent boxes available on site for those in our community who need a bit of extra support or have been caught short.

The collection will take place from 11-15 February. Any donations of pads, tampons, unused tights or unused underwear will be greatly appreciated. These can be sent to College with students or delivered to the box in reception. If you have any questions or would like to inquire about making a large donation, feel free to contact me.

Phoebe Powrie, Headteacher's Council

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Dates for your Diaries

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event
25/01/19	17:00	18:00	Late Duty: Peel Hall
26/01/19			Exeat
27/01/19	18:00	19:00	Early Duty: Peel Hall
29/01/19	18:00	20:00	Year 8 Options Evening
02/02/19			Geography Field Trip to Iceland
03/02/19			Big Weekender
07/02/19	18:00	20:30	Year 9 Parents' Evening
14/02/19			Non-Uniform Day
15/02/19	14:45		Boarder Parents'/Carers' Forum
15/02/19	17:00	18:00	Late Duty: Cavell Hall
15/02/19			Half Term
24/02/19	18:00	19:00	Early Duty: Cavell Hall
24/02/19			Return Week A