

THE LION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from the Headteacher



Just before sitting down to write my piece for “The Lion”, I have toured the new £2.4m Peter Rout Centre and I am delighted to tell you that it is a truly gold standard facility that will add significant additional capacity in terms of space for our SEN and Maths Departments. The Lady Knollys Room will give us a wonderful lecture theatre space with a large bright and airy entrance lobby. We expect the building to be handed over to us in a few weeks.

With best wishes for a restful Exeat.

Floreat Sapientia

Mr Dan Browning – Headteacher



@mrdrowning

Year 11 Revision Roadshow

All Year 11 students and parents are invited to come along to the Chapel at 12:15 on Thursday 4 April. Staff will be available with revision support materials and last minute advice for the holidays. Revision guides and maths equipment will be on sale. Parents are asked to sign in at the Chapel NOT main reception.

GCSE Easter Revision

We have a few spaces left for the 3 days of revision over the Easter break. Please email franklvi.ad@wymondhamcollege.org if you would like to book your child a place.

Day Parent Forum

Many thanks to all those parents who attended the Day Parent Forum to share their views.

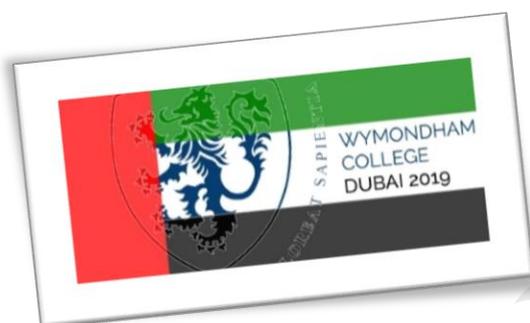
London Marathon

Mrs Becky Arnold is running the Virgin London Marathon for the charity Royal National SpringBoard Foundation. Wymondham College have a longstanding partnership with SpringBoard who provide bursaries to support disadvantaged and vulnerable young people attend boarding schools across the UK. Please read her story and consider sponsorship:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BeckyArnold1>

Mrs B Arnold – Deputy Headteacher

Dubai Tour Fundraiser



Comedy Race Night

Over 18's only, £10 (including curry)

Friday 3 May 18:30 – 23:00 in the sports hall

9 races, silent auction and raffle, bring your own drink/snacks

Ticket only event, Available from reception or PE department

PE Department

College Office Update

The College Office is the home for what was formerly known as the PSSO office, responsible for updating registers and the point of contact for absence reporting which continues.

We have a new email address which replaces the PSSO, Admin Support and Admin Team inboxes to create a single point of contact and would ask that you use this email for all requests, and most importantly, student absences and register updates.

If phoning us to report a student absence please state the following:

- Student Name
- Year Group
- House
- Reason for absence
- Your name

Email: collegeoffice@wymondhamcollege.org

Absence line ext: 3375 **External absence line:** 01953 609075

Thank you

Mrs S Flint – Administration Manager



Storage Trunk for Sale

Large storage trunk for sale on wheels, reinforced lid and base, handmade in the UK. All interested parties please contact Mrs S Wright, International Office: wrightsa.ad@wymondhamcollege.org

Mrs S Wright – International Student and Development Liaison Officer

Year 8 Genius Hour

The Year 8 Genius Hour will be 30 March 2019 at 11:00 in the Sports Hall. Parents/carers welcome to come along to support.

Mrs K Constable

End of Term Arrangements (Thursday 4 April 2019)

The timings for the last day of term are as follows:

08:30 – 08:50	Tutor registration/House assembly
08:55 – 09:45	Period 1
09:50 – 10:40	Period 2
10:40 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:15	Final School Assembly (seated by Tutors/House staff)
12:15 – 12:25	
Year 11	Revision Roadshow in Chapel (registration in Chapel) - Parents are invited to join students at this event to collect helpful pre-holiday advice
Years 7-10	Tutor registration in tutor rooms
Years 12-13	Tutor registration in tutor rooms
12:25 onwards	Lunch is provided for all students in line with their usual house rota

Students will be allowed to leave College from 12:30 at a suitable time that is convenient with parents.

For those students who wish to have lunch the usual rota arrangements with the Houses will apply. As usual, all students should have left the College by 14:45.

The late House, FRY HALL, is open until 1600 to supervise boarders if there is an unforeseen emergency and parents cannot arrive on time to collect.

Mrs B Arnold – Deputy Headteacher



WYMONDHAM COLLEGE FUTURES



YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE



Year 10 Speed Networking



Norfolk Careers Festival



Main School Futures

Year 10 Get Set for Success careers day

We were delighted to welcome over 40 businesses and organisations on 1 March for our Year 10 careers event. Students spent two hours with a business mentor in a small group, discussing their skills and qualities, how to write a CV and the importance of interview skills, culminating in a mock interview. Period 3 involved the whole year group in a speed networking activity, giving them the chance to meet and talk to guests from a wide range of industries, including finance, insurance, law, engineering, the arts, property, animal care, health and social care...

Norfolk Skills & Careers Festival

Several days later our Year 10 students visited the county's largest careers event, again taking the opportunity to talk to numerous businesses, colleges, the armed forces and apprenticeship providers.

National Citizen Service

Year 11 students attended a follow up talk from the National Citizen Service to encourage them to sign up for this enormously beneficial programme. See <https://www.ncsyes.co.uk/> for more details.

Careers Advice

Students in Year 11 were also introduced to Kudos, an online careers advice service and undertook the My Future activity. This is available to all College students and can be found at www.cascaid.co.uk/kudos. The licence code for the school is newshint48.

Other websites which students of all ages may find interesting are:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/careers>

<https://career-insights.co.uk/>

You can find these and links to other careers resources on our website:

<https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/374/wymondham-college-futures-1>

Sixth Form Futures

Careers Talks

It was wonderful to welcome back three of our former students as guest speakers for an afternoon of careers talks on 6 March – James Robb, Trainee Commercial Manager with Marks & Spencer, Jess Hall, Rural Surveyor with Bidwells and Emily Ledger, Studio Manager for Rock Star Films. They were joined by guests from RMB Financial, Nuffield Health, Bf1 Systems and Mills & Reeve Solicitors. Year 13 students chose a talk to attend as part of their Futures lesson, while Year 12 students could choose to attend during period 5.

Laura Palmer, Physiotherapist also visited on 26 February to talk about careers in physiotherapy.

Choosing a University

Mr Thresh gave a talk to Year 12 on the areas to consider when researching and choosing a university and a degree course

Subject talks

Four guests from UEA gave talks on studying Business & Finance, Law, Politics and Environmental Science to give students an insight into these and similar degree courses

London School of Economics

Gar Mum Hui visited on 13 March to talk about courses on offer at the prestigious London School of Economics

Student Finance

Year 13 have been introduced to student finance and can apply now <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>

These sessions will be followed after Easter with visits from a number of universities, advice on personal statements and a careers speed networking morning in June.

Following events earlier this year focusing on apprenticeships, students considering this route are encouraged to meet with Ms Edwards for individual advice and guidance.

Ms E Edwards – Careers Advisor



Big Weekender Trips

24 March 2019	Paintballing	£30.00
28 April 2019	London Trip	(price tbc)
12 May 2019	Paintballing	£30.00
9 June 2019	Graffiti	£10.00
30 June 2019	Summer shopping	£8.00

For any information on these, please contact Mr R Delgado in the College Office.

Mr R Delgado – Wymondham Life Coordinator

Dates for your Diaries

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event
15/03/19	17:00	18:00	Late Duty: Fry Hall
15/03/19	14:45	15:45	Parent/Carers' Forum
16/03/19			Exeat
17/03/19	18:00	19:00	Early Duty: Fry Hall
21/03/19			Care Careers Trip
22/03/19	17:30	20:30	Boarder Taster
23/03/19	08:45	10:40	Open Morning
24/03/19			Big Weekender
25/03/19			Year 9 English Residential Trip
28/03/19			Construction Careers Trip
29/03/19			Year 7 & 8 RAF STEM
30/03/19	11:25	12:25	Genius Hour Project Fair
04/04/19			DofE Silver
04/04/19	12:00	13:00	Year 11 Parent & Student Revision Roadshow
04/04/19	15:30	16:30	Late Duty: New Hall
05/04/19			Easter Holiday

Chilli & Quiz Night



A huge thank you to all who came along and made our quiz night such an enjoyable evening. A fantastic £1,165.99 was raised. Thanks to Bob for his delicious chilli – it has been noted that we need to ensure there is enough of the vegetarian option, we will ensure this is the case for all our future events. Thanks also go to the Headteacher's Council and our PSA volunteers, who all worked tirelessly to set up, clear up and serve the food on the night, we couldn't do it without you!



Congratulations to 'Round The Bendish' who were the winners of the prestigious silver cup - sponsored by Spire Solicitors, and the honour of hosting next year's Chilli and Quiz night.

200 Club Lottery Jackpot winners

March winners: Our winner of the 1st prize of £75 is Rosalind Yansman and Judy Scott won the £30 prize.

We currently have spaces available to join the 200 Club Lottery. The lottery 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!* 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 as we did in 2016. *current prize levels. To join email wymondhamcollegepsa@gmail.com

Bag2School

Our next Textile Recycling Collection is 24 June - Boarders please leave your clothing/shoes/bag donations at the Red Bus Stop, Main Reception on Sunday evening, Day Students on Monday morning before 9am. NO SCHOOL UNIFORM - please donate this to the Wymondham College Parent Staff Association Uniform Shop. Many thanks.

Grants Awarded

Duke of Edinburgh have been awarded £3,813.45 to ensure the DofE award scheme can continue to be made available to students, and allow them the correct kit to use for their adventures.

£1,400 to support an engineering club and encourage STEM activities to be developed.

The Spanish and French department for Key Stage 3 have been given £2,987.56 to purchase additional text books to enhance the quality of learning available to the children.

The Library have been granted a further £200 to go towards to the Carnagy award.

Finally, Design and Technology and Science have been granted £312 for a Barn Owl project, enabling them to film and track Barn owls and small birds.

PSA Uniform, Sports Equipment & Toiletries Shop

The PSA Uniform Shop is open every Saturday in term time 11:30 – 12:30 - we stock new and second-hand uniform, sports equipment/footwear, mouth guards and toiletries plus tea towels in house colours and PSA branded shopping bags.

We also have a changing room. Payment by cash/cheque. We are next to the Sports Hall. There is also a Mail Order Service for out of hours please email psa@wymondhamcollege.org

Don't miss the shop sale with 50% off shirts, trousers, tracksuit trousers, rugby shorts and jumpers.

*** 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 parents 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 psa@wymondhamcollege.org

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 follow us on Facebook www.facebook/WymondhamCollegePSA and Twitter [@WYMONDHAMCOLPSA](https://twitter.com/WYMONDHAMCOLPSA), or if there's anything you would like to raise send us an email psa@wymondhamcollege.org or 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/WymondhamCollegePSA

Dates for your Diaries

Bags will be given out on 21 June for collection on 24 June. Bag2school Red Bus Stop, Main Reception.

Sat 18 May 09:30 – 11:30 Committee Meeting, Andy Boorman Conference Room, Main Reception

You're going to want to save 19 June in your diary...more info to follow!