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Welcome from the Headteacher



It is that time of year when our students in Years 11 and 13 are tenaciously focussed on preparing for their public examinations. I am always impressed by the work ethic and positivity of our students and all that can be asked of them is that they do their best. I wish them all the very best of luck for the exam season.

On 1 May, we were visited by a team of five inspectors from Ofsted. They conducted a three day inspection of our boarding provision that focussed on; overall experience and progress of young people, how well are children helped and protected and the effectiveness of leaders and managers. I am delighted that once again, we have been rated as 'outstanding'. You can read the full report on our website (Main Menu > Ofsted). I am extremely pleased that the report not only highlights the outstanding academic progress that our students achieve, but also the excellent opportunities and experience that form the heart of our 'Wymondham Life' provision. Inspectors were impressed with our extensive range of sporting activities, overseas trips and enrichment clubs such as Combined Cadets Force. They also highlighted the depth and breadth of opportunities on offer to enable our students to experience an 'abundance of cultures, faiths and religions'.

Wymondham College is a truly unique national treasure. As the largest state boarding school, we offer an experience like no other and I feel honoured to lead such an exceptional community.

Floreat Sapientia

Mr Dan Browning – Headteacher



@mrdbrowning



Summer Concert 2019

The Summer Concert will take place on Thursday 13th June in the Music Centre at 7:00pm. There will be a varied programme of music performed by many of our regular music clubs including Concert Band, 60th Anniversary Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra and College Choir. The concert should run for about an hour with no interval. Please do come and support our very talented musicians. Tickets are £5.00 for adults and free for children. The tickets will be available from Mrs Towler in the Library and Mr Day in the Music Department the week before the concert. Tickets will also be available on the door.

Mr A Day – Director of Music

Maths Challenge Gold



In the UKMT Maths Intermediate Challenge the College achieved a record number of Gold Certificates. Here are some of the testimonials from our best Mathematicians.

Julian *“The maths challenge makes me think and work efficiently under time pressure. It makes me work on my problem solving skills which I believe is a very transferrable skill.”*

Bryony *“It’s not like GCSE, which is more knowledge based, it’s just more challenging. Solving problems without a calculator is far more gratifying and you are rewarded with a simple answer.”*

Jacob *“I like the intriguing questions and being challenged under pressure.”*

Jake *“I enjoy having my abilities tested under time pressure and practicing my recall of knowledge.”*

Ollie *“It makes me think outside the box and be creative”*

Lochlan *“I love the uniqueness of the problems in the maths challenge”*

James *“I love the maths challenge because it involves deeper thinking and abstract ideas. I also like the risk of attempting questions and losing marks if you are wrong.”*

Mr R Machin – Head of Maths



Year 9 Immunisations

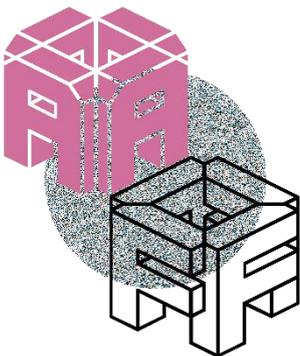
Please can all Year 9 students and their parents, who have not yet given consent for immunisations, be reminded that the eportal is now OPEN.

This is the only way to definitely ensure that you get the DTP and Men ACWY vaccinations during our last catch-up clinic of the year, on June 13.

PLEASE check your emails for instructions of how to access the eportal. The eportal shuts on 6 June.

The Medical Centre

ArtsFest 2019



Following its success two years ago, the second Wymondham College Visual and Performing Arts Festival will be taking place from 10am-3:30pm on Wednesday 10th July. The festival is free for all students, with tickets available for parents, carers and families should they wish to attend (ticket information will be made available after half term).

Can you help with our festival furniture?

With over 1000 people attending, we need support in creating enough seating for the festival. If you can help with either of the following requests it would be immensely appreciated and rewarded in kind:

1. A short term loan of around 40 hay bales, to be returned in (almost) perfect condition following the festival;
2. Donations of wooden pallets for the purpose of building bespoke festival furniture.

The festival is a celebration of all things creative and cultural, so if there is something or someone that you think would be a fantastic edition to the day, please get in touch.

Mr T Wall and the Festival Team [wallti.staff@wymondhamcollege.org](mailto:walti.staff@wymondhamcollege.org)

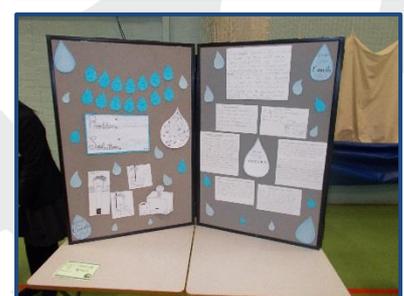


Genius Hour

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Year 7 Genius Hour Winners (PS = Problem Solving)

Prize	Student/s Name	Project Name
Leonardo Da Vinci Award	Hugo Pattison – Cavell Hall	Pollution
PS: Health	Lacey Taylor – New Hall Lucy Birtwell – New Hall Aimee Donoghue – New Hall	Drugs and how to avoid them
PS: Environment	Oliver Salmon – Kett Hall	Saving water
PS: Science	James Arydon – Kett Hall	Travel in overcrowded cities
PS: Animal Welfare	Patience Sadler – New Hall Sophie Welham – New Hall Peri Ulgen – New Hall	Greyhound Racing
PS: Social Issues	Ella Westwood – Kett Hall	Escape Room – Knife Crime



Miss K Constable



Big Weekender

Graffiti Stars **09/06/2019** **£15.00**

The next Big Weekender is a day's workshop with the fantastic Graffiti Stars group, students will be taught how to spray paint some lettering and in turn create their very own board to take home at the end of the session. The artist group will be returning for the second time to the College after the success of the activity last year.

Mr R Delgado

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE FUTURES 
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Year 10 Mentoring

A group of Year 10 students has been taking part in mentoring with business people on Wednesday mornings to discuss their goals, challenges and future plans. This culminated in a trip to Easton College where they took part in a range of activities including animal care, agriculture and engineering.

Preparing for University – Higher Education morning

We welcomed representatives from eight universities – Birmingham, Leeds, Lincoln, Nottingham Trent, Oxford Brookes, Reading, Sheffield and St Andrews who each gave a short talk on their university and the courses on offer, followed by smaller group workshops on personal statements.

A Star Future - Studying overseas

Mark Huntington from A Star Future gave students an excellent overview into the pros and cons of studying abroad, and expert advice on the application process. See www.astarfuture.co.uk for further guidance.

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE FUTURES EVENTS NEXT TERM

- Tuesday 4 June – Year 12 speed networking event - Students will have the chance to meet over businesses and organisations to learn about different jobs roles, career paths and opportunities.
- Tuesday 11 June – Trip to the UCAS Exhibition at the UEA
- Monday 8 July – Guest speaker, Professor Ros King – English Literature students
- Tuesday 9 July – Year 9 Enterprise Day



EVENTS THIS HALF TERM AND IN THE SUMMER

- **Access Creative** – Taster Days on Friday 31 May. For students in Year 10 and 11. This creative college has centres in Norwich, London and elsewhere in the UK www.accesscreative.ac.uk
- **Norwich Games Festival** – Monday 27 May – Saturday 1 June. Event for those interested in ICT, design and games technology <https://norwichgamesfestival.com/>
- **UEA summer schools, Years 9 – 11**
UEA Year 9-11 Summer Schools are overnight events filled with fun and informative sessions including academic tasters, club and society workshops and social activities for students. There are eligibility criteria which you can check on the website, <https://www.uea.ac.uk/study/info-for/young-people/pre-16/summer-school>
- **City College Norwich, Open day**
Saturday 6 July <https://www.ccn.ac.uk/news-events/events/open-day-6-july/>
- **University Technical College Norwich**, Wednesday 24 June open event for students and parents, <https://www.utcn.org.uk/event/school-tour-34>

Ms E Edwards, Careers Leader

College Office

We'd like to say thank you to Parents and Carers for their communication and cooperation with attendance reporting and attendance queries. We are committed to ensure student registration is accurate and we rely on being kept informed of sickness, appointments, lateness or when students are collected early. Unfortunately, there are times when information is not provided, creating searches for relevant information to ensure we know where every student is. With the start of Year 11 exams, students are naturally eager to leave but we would ask that if you have a Year 11 child, you are mindful that they must sign out at College Office if permitted to leave and only after we have authorisation from you.

If you at all unsure of procedures please don't hesitate to contact us on the number below.

Lost Property

We are currently compiling the lost property items held at present and would ask that if your child has reported anything lost that they contact College Office after half term to check that the item is with us. There are many items not claimed and with limited storage, these will be looked at for disposal at the end of the summer term unless we can find owners.

Mrs S Flint, Administration Manager



Dates for your Diaries

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event
02/06/2019			Early House – Lincoln
			Exams – all week
04/06/2019	08:35		Year 10 Headteachers Assembly
			Exams – all week
08/06/2019	11:25		Speech Day
09/06/2019			Big Weekender
11/06/2019	08:35		Year 9 Headteachers Assembly
			Exams – all week
13/06/2019	19:00		Summer Concert
14/06/2019	17:45		Boarder Taster Evening
15/06/2019	08:45		Open Morning
18/06/2019	08:35		Year 12 Headteachers Assembly
			Exams – all week
20/06/2019	19:00		Year 11 Prom
21/06/2019	12:45		Sports Day
21/06/2019	17:00		Late Duty: Cavell
23/06/2019	18:00		Early Duty: Cavell