

THE LION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from the Headteacher



It is hard to believe that we are about to break up for the first half term holiday of the year. Life at the College is so rich, full and varied that the time goes so quickly for students and staff alike. Despite the frequent heavy rain, our sports teams have enjoyed a busy half term and my thanks goes to the PE staff who are so dedicated in giving their support to our young sports women and men.

We are seeking volunteers to join our Local Governing Body (LGB). For more details, please see the note within this edition of the Lion from Mr Philip Norton, the LGB Chair.

You will also notice a new section of the Lion – from the Old Wymondhamians (OWs). John Mewse (Chairman – Boarder, Cavell Hall 1977 – 1982) is keen to introduce more alumni to the organisation, so please do read his section and get in touch.

Best wishes for a restful half term break.

Mr Dan Browning – Headteacher



@mrdrowning

Autumn Concert

The Autumn Concert will be held on Sunday 10th November at 7:00 pm, in the Sports Hall.

Many of our musical ensembles will be performing including - Concert Band, Junior Jazz Band, Jazz Orchestra, Brass Ensemble, 60th Anniversary Orchestra, Flute Choir, Junior Choir and College Choir.

Tickets are £5.00 for adults and free for children. Interval refreshments will be available on the night. Tickets will be on sale from Mrs Towler in the Library and Mr Day in the Music Centre the week before the Concert. Please do come along and support this very popular event.

Mr A Day – Director of Music



Trips and Visits – New Online Consent form

We have launched our new online trips and visits system Evolve premium this year and as such will be sending consent forms online via the new system. Please do contact me if any problems occur.

Mr L Summers – Director of Trips and Visits

Apprenticeships Information Evening

Thursday 7 November, 18.00 – 19.30, Peter Rout Centre

Students & Parents, Years 10 - 13

Come and meet employers and apprenticeship providers to find out about opportunities.

Talk from ASK Apprenticeships at 18.15.

Exhibitors include: NHS, East England Ambulance, Armed Forces, Trac, Mills & Reeve, Poultec, Norfolk Community Learning Services, JTL, Lovewell Blake, West Suffolk College, Warren Services, AC Bacon, Easton College.

Mrs E Edwards – Careers Leader

Come Dine with Me

We would like to offer all parents / Carers the opportunity to dine with Bob and the students at lunch time, week commencing 4th November. This is your chance to have a look around the catering department and chat with Bob 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. We are also offering a evening session for the first time ever, this will start at 17.30 on Thursday 7th, and include the tour and Dinner. Please book early as numbers will be limited.

Mr B Bales – Catering Manager



Student Attendance Statistics

During the first couple of weeks of term, we experienced some technical problems with our student registration software. This has resulted in some unexpected attendance data appearing on some students' SchoolBase profiles. While we were experiencing these problems, all staff were issued with paper registers to complete and our intention is that by the end of the half term holidays, all of the accurate information from these registers will have been transferred onto our electronic records. Many thanks for your patience while this issue is resolved.

Mr P Nightingale – Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum & Learning)

Wymondham College Governing Body

The Wymondham College Governing Body is looking for new governors prepared to devote time to helping the Senior and Middle Leaders keep the standard of education for our students at the highest levels. Governors are expected to work as a team and link with a senior leader to monitor key performance indicators, reporting outcomes to half termly board meetings. If you think you have the time, energy and relevant skills please contact the Bursar, Mr Phil Cox bursar@wymondhamcollege.org to arrange an informal discussion about how you might contribute. Please note that all governor appointments are referred to Trustees of the Sapientia Education Trust for approval.

Mr P Norton – Chair of Local Governing Body (LGB)

Christmas Sports Camp

Please see the Christmas Sports Camp flyer attached to the back of the newsletter. Please fill this in and bring back to Mr Grove to book your place.

Mr Grove – Head of Cricket

College Office

A big plea from College Office to ask that student clothing, bags and shoes are named. We are now at Half Term and our lost property is mounting by the day. We are trying to find owners of items but without names it makes the task very difficult and of course, may result in parents/carers buying replacement items unnecessarily.

Sixth Form Students are continuing to purchase lunch tickets from the College Office and although initially we requested cash payments, we are happy for you to purchase via your Scopay accounts. We can check when payments have been made and will issue the lunch ticket accordingly.

Due to some technical issues, we are aware that some items of correspondence may not be getting through to you electronically on the first send and you may receive duplicated items. We apologise if you have received any duplications and advise you that this is being monitored to find a solution.

The return to College will be the end of British Summer Time with daylight hours reduced with many students returning in the dark. If your child has hi-visibility clothing or accessories, please encourage them to wear it.

From everyone in the College Office, we wish you a happy autumn break and look forward to seeing our students return at the end of the month.

Ms S Flint, College Office

Dates for your Diaries

Date	Event
11/10/2019	Late House Cavell
11/10/2019 – 27/10/2019	Half Term
27/10/2019	Early House Cavell
29/10/2019	Year 10 Headteachers Assembly
03/11/2019	Big Weekender
05/11/2019	Year 8 Headteachers Assembly
09/11/2019	PSA Winter Fair
09/11/2019	Day Parents Forum
10/11/2019	Remembrance Service
10/11/2019	Autumn Music Concert
11/11/2019	Remembrance Day
14/11/2019	Children in Need
14/11/2019	Boarder Parents Forum
16/11/2019	Exeat

Winter Fayre

The Winter Fayre this year is shaping up to be jam packed with a vast array of stalls already booked, including local craftsmen and tasty treats and the ever popular PSA food stall. This year the Fayre will be held on Saturday 9th November from 10-2, so make sure you get the date in your diary and come along to get some wonderful gifts and crafts.

If you are interested in having a stall at the Winter Fayre drop an email to wymondhamcollegepsa@gmail.com, heading Winter Fayre.

PSA Shop

Our PSA shop is up and running again, we are open every Saturday (except exeat weeks) for you to pop in and stock up on uniform and other essential items.

We always welcome good condition uniform and appreciate your donations which enable us to raise funds for the school.

Volunteers

Why not allow yourself to feel the warm glow of fulfilment by offering to volunteer for your PSA. We are on the look out for new volunteers to join us on the PSA. If you have just a few hours a year you could spare to help us with the odd coffee morning, or if you would like to get more involved, please contact us via email or through the Facebook page as we need more people to join our friendly team.

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

[www.facebook/WymondhamCollegePSA](https://www.facebook.com/WymondhamCollegePSA)

The most common question I get asked is “What/who are The Old Wymondhamians?”

If you have been to the College as a pupil or a member of staff then you are an OW.

The OWs is the official link between past pupils and staff at the college.

It has the responsibility for the Heritage of the College site and the OW’s website (www.wcremembered.co.uk). It is a great source of Stories, photographs and data, not only about The College but its previous life as A USAAF hospital in WW2.

We aim to communicate with past pupils and staff about reunions, organised events and news from The College.

We hope in the very near future to have a new OW website for the Day to Day running and communication of The OWs

We are trying very hard to set up a new OWs database so that we can communicate with as many OWs as possible, so please even if you have filled in a form recently please update your details on the scroll down form on the main College website under Old Wymondhamians or contact me direct at Johncmewse@gmail.com

John Mewse
Chairman Old Wymondhamians
Boarder Cavell 77-82

Annual Golf Day

England Rugby capped Bob Rowell (53-58, West House) has organised the annual OW Golf Day for the last 18 years. Up to 50 alumni have been meeting at Sprowston Manor but this year the July event moves to Dunston Hall for a round of golf, drinks and dinner.

bob.e.rowell@outlook.com

100 Club

Since the inception of the 100 club, in excess of £45,000 has been raised by Phil Robinson (66-73 Salisbury, Fry Hall) the OW 100 club administrator.

Over the last 10 years monies have been distributed to:

- 2008 - £1,500 towards the College hymn books
- 2010 - £3,000 towards the Heritage Trail signboards
- 2012 - £500 contribution to South African Rugby Tour
- 2016 - £3,200 to 1st X11 Cricket kit and Cricket pitch improvements
- 2017- £1000 towards all weather tennis, netball court refurbishment. 1st XV Rugby shirts

Moving forward, there is a long term wish to establish a Wymondham College Heritage Centre.

Leaving a legacy...

Former students are always welcomed back to share their career knowledge, skills experiences and advice.

The OWs are also closely associated with the College Trust, a charity which helps pupils who for unforeseen reasons may need financial support with boarding. Most of us have had our lives enhanced from our time at the College so giving back in the form of financial contribution or of our time makes the Old Wymondhamians a valuable resource to the Futures programme run in the Sixth Form and to the College as a whole.

The Annual Travel Award

Each year a £750.00 Travel bursary is given to a Year 13 student. Students who are undertaking some form of travel and activity during the summer holidays either in their gap year or before going on to further education are encouraged to apply for the award. The activity should have some purpose or benefit for persons other than the student and is awarded at Easter.



Wymondham College Christmas Sports Camp 2019

Multi-Sports Camp – non-residential

Choose Dates from 16th, 17th and 18th December 2019

9.00am – 3.00pm

- For boys and girls from Years 7 – 9.
- Enjoy playing **Football, Cricket, Basketball, Rounders, Tennis, Swimming and many other sports.**
- To be part of this Christmas camp simply tick the boxes of the days that you wish to attend.
- All participants must bring their own packed lunch and drinks and wear suitable sports kit.
- The cost is £25 per day
- **Please pay via your scopay account – they are listed as: Christmas Sports Camps for each day or by cheque (payable to Wymondham College).**
- **Payment via scopay will confirm their place and will be followed up with a confirmation email from Mr R Grove.**

Please complete the attached form and return to Mr R Grove in the PE Department or scan and return via email.

(For all enquiries, please email groveri.staff@wymondhamcollege.org)

Name:			
Year Group:		Health Considerations:	
Email address (for confirmation):			
Emergency Contact No.			

Monday 16th December	£25 9.00-3pm (please tick)	
Tuesday 17th December	£25 9.00-3pm (please tick)	
Wednesday 18th December	£25 9.00-3pm (please tick)	

Parental Consent (please sign)
