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Welcome from the Head of School



We took the difficult decision to close the College Tuesday – Saturday last week due to the weather conditions caused by the ‘Beast from the East’. This was based on the advice from local police and County Council.

Geoff Barton, an ex-local Headteacher, appeared on BBC Newsnight last week to explain why Headteachers take the decision to close their schools. His salient point was to always ensure that safety of students and staff is paramount. Whilst our Estates Team had done amazing work to ensure the site is safe, we cannot control snow-drifts and ice on local roads. This affects the ability of staff and students to get to school. Without adequate staff numbers, we cannot operate effectively as a school.

The exceptional weather conditions experienced last week at the College and across the UK have brought out the best in people; a ‘spirit of the blitz’ has been demonstrated time and time again. As I surveyed the site and access roads Thursday evening, our Estates team were valiantly helping stranded motorists whilst trying to clear a substantial snow drift from Golf Links Road (which even the County Council snow plough couldn’t defeat).



Our boarding staff have provided fun and challenging activities for almost a week and our excellent standards of pastoral care remained as high as we all expect from a world class school such as Wymondham College. I cannot thank them enough.

Our Estates and catering teams went to super-human lengths to ensure that our students were safe and well fed, in fact, many of them stayed at the College and even joined in with evening activities with the students. Every last one of them is a real star and I thank them all.

Most notably, our students have been amazing. They have taken the opportunities presented to them and made the most of it; whether that be building igloos or using the time they have to revise for the forthcoming summer exams.

Exceptional events lead to extraordinary endeavours and I could not have felt more proud to be Head of such a brilliant school.

Mr Dan Browning – Head of School



@mrdrowning



[Year 11 Parent & Student Event: Revision Support Fair](#)

Friday 23 March in the College Chapel 12.00 – 13.00

Meet your child in the Chapel after our End of Term assembly to visit our wide range of stalls including Well-being, Sport & Fitness, Revision hints and tips, Revision guides to buy, Subject Specialists, Sixth Form questions, Careers advice and much more! Perfect for asking questions and getting some advice prior to the Easter break.

If you are able to attend please email franklvi.ad@wymondhamcollege.org so we can ensure we have enough resources and teas/coffees for all.

Many thanks

Becky Arnold - Director of Achievement & Progress

[Success for Year 10 Students](#)

Grace Greenfield - Mehnaz Shammy - Tamara Odia - Beatrice Wood - Ella Carroll - Charlotte Jennings - Elizabeth Allott

Congratulations to our successful Year 10 students who will assist in the running of the 'Bridging the Gap' - The New Anglia Careers & Enterprise Conference 2018 at Centre Parcs Elveden Forest on 15 March.

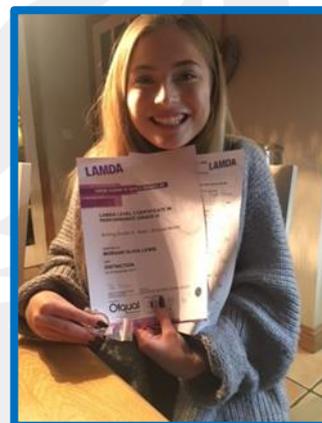
The students underwent a rigorous application and interview process to secure the roles. Very best of luck and enjoy the conference.

Becky Arnold & Liz Edwards – Director of Achievement and Progress and Student Futures Officer

Wymondham Life 2 & 3 update

Again it has been an excellent term for Wymondham Life. The sun is beginning to make an appearance, and there is now a lot less snow! This is drawing more students out of the houses and in the direction of our many clubs. The attendance for Anime Club and Film club is at an all-time high, some may say due to the introduction of popcorn and Japanese sweets, others may say because of the excellent staff running the club. Our dodgeball session is not only full every week, but really producing some skilled players. Weights, Fitness and Cardio are all being taken up every week by keen young boarders and sixth formers taking a very positive step in a healthy direction. The introduction of new clubs is seen to be going down very well with students beginning to take part in Netball, Yoga, Music sessions and Indoor Rounders.

Amazing LAMDA results



- Maddie grade 2 acting 92/100 - High distinction
- Sienna 89/100 grade 5 acting with distinction
- Freya grade 2 acting with distinction 84/100
- Adithi grade 2 acting with distinction 80/100
- Morgan grade 6 Medal bronze level 89/100 Distinction

Mrs Charlie Wyatt – Wymondham Life Manager

A BIG thank you



To all the Students, Staff and Families of Morley Primary and the College who contributed towards the Food Bank.

All donations were gratefully received. There were so many items that once I had loaded it all into my car I got a flat tyre!

Special thanks goes to the Friends of Morley Primary School (FOMPS) and Fry for all their efforts.

I was also delighted to receive a special Tesco delivery from the family of Emily Byrne (Year 9). When I received a call from

reception to say I had a Tesco delivery for me I panicked thinking I had ordered my own shopping to be delivered to the College but once it arrived and there were 6 crates of goods with more pasta and sauces than I think Tesco have in one store, I realised it was for the food bank (relief). I was then overcome by this kind gesture and even had a few tears which the delivery man thought was down to him having to make a few substitutions, poor man.

All your efforts and donations will make a significant difference to many local families

If you still wish to donate or still have items that haven't made their way over to me yet I'm happy to collect donations and pass them on.

Thanks again

Emma Bishop – Teacher of Maths

[Duke of Edinburgh dates](#)

Silver Practice: 13 – 15 April 2018

Bronze Practice: 25 – 26 May 2018

Bronze Assessed: 25 – 26 June 2018

Silver Assessed: 7 – 9 July 2018

Gold Practice: 11 – 15 July 2018

Gold Assessed: 10– 14 October 2018

James Mcgovern – DofE Coordinator

[Vacancies](#)

The College has the following vacancies, click on this link <http://www.wymondhamcollege.org/vacancies> for more details:

Lunch Time Supervisor

Human Resources Department

[Mair Cup Competition 2018](#)

Please find attached at the back of this newsletter form to purchase Mair Cup Tickets.

Mr Andy Day – Director of Music

Lift share

A request has been made for a lift share in the Costessy, Taverham Drayton area. Please contact The Parent and Staff Support Office for further details.

PSSO

OPEN trip with the Year 8 Shine project

Hello my name is Josh Terzza and I am part of the Shine project. We went to a place called OPEN on 21 February with Mrs Arnold.

OPEN was a very fun place with activities such as rock climbing, team building activities, podcasting, music making, street dance and multi sports. So as you can tell, it was a very packed day with loads of fun stuff to do.

Many people enjoyed the rock climbing as there were 2 walls; simple for new climbers but one very hard wall - both were fun to try.

Everyone had lots of fun at music making and creating some very interesting songs. The Open Staff were really nice and helped us all to try and complete the activities.

Mrs Arnold was very supportive and took lots of great photos of us during the activities.

Overall everyone enjoyed the Shine project at OPEN – I would definitely recommend it to people to try.

Josh Terzza – Peel Student

Dates for your Diaries

Day	Date	Time	Event
FRI	09 Mar	15.45-17.00	Late Duty House – Lincoln
SAT	10 Mar		EXEAT
SUN	11 Mar	18.00-20.00	Early Duty House – Lincoln
MON	12 Mar	08.30	Students return to school (Week B)
THUR	22 Mar	18.30-20.00	Year 10 Art Exhibition
FRI	23 Mar	15.45-17.00	Late Duty House – Fry
SUN	15 Apr	18.00-20.00	Early House Duty – New
MON	16 Apr	08.30	Students Return



9th February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

MAIR CUP COMPETITION 2018

The annual Mair Cup Competition will take place on Sunday, 18th March 2018, at 19:00 in the Sports Hall.

Tickets are priced at £5.00 for adults, and are available to buy in the Library from Monday, 26th February onwards. They will be sold on a first come, first served basis as there is limited seating capacity in the Sports Hall. Unfortunately it will not be possible to buy tickets on the evening itself.

If you would like to order tickets please complete the slip below and return it to Mrs Towler/Mrs Peck via the PSSO.

Yours faithfully

Mr A R Day
Director of Music

Please return to Library via PSSO:

I would like to purchase tickets for the Mair Cup Competition on Sunday, 18th March 2016.

I enclose £ (Tickets priced at £5.00 for adults, children go free)

Parent/Carer's name

Student's name..... House..... Year