

YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER

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Meet your GBAs!

Mr Whitbourn

I was a student at Wymondham College. At GCSE I studied Triple Science, Physical Education, Spanish, French, and Geography. I then went on to study Biology, Chemistry, Maths at A-level. The boarding and athletic experiences at Wymondham College led me to pursue my degree in the United States where I was a collegiate swimmer for four years. Studying at Ohio Wesleyan University I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pre-Medicine and Pre-Professional Zoology, with minors in Psychology in Chemistry. I am currently studying a Masters in Applied Exercise Physiology and Kinesiology (online) with the University of Florida.



Miss Yates

I attended a school in Lincoln where I studied History, Psychology, German, Physical Education and Religious Studies at GCSE. I then continued to sixth form and completed my A Levels in History, Psychology, Sociology, and Biology. Since then, I completed my undergraduate in History at Bristol University. I am really enjoying life as a pastoral GBA and I am excited for what the rest of the year holds!

Miss Steer

I went to school in Sunderland where I studied History, Art, Triple Science, French, PE, Religious Studies, and Business Studies at GCSE. I then went to sixth form and completed my A Levels in History, English Literature, Classical Civilisation, and French (AS). For the past four years, I have been completing my undergraduate and Masters degrees in History at Durham University. I'm now having a great time working here as a Cover/Boarding Assistant before I start my teaching job in London next year!



Life in a Year 11 House

The first three weeks of term at Wymondham College have been as focused on adjusting to life in year group houses, as much as the excitement of reuniting with friends and getting back into classrooms. For our Year 11s, this means getting used to living and working in a 'bubble' of students all preparing to take their GCSEs at the end of the year. So far this has certainly proven to have a positive impact on everyone's day and boarding experiences – as indicated by Mr Summers's joy at seeing a group of students working hard in the prep room, unprompted, on a Sunday evening!

We asked some students for their initial thoughts on life in a Year 11 House...



“I feel very happy being with all my friends, I’ve never enjoyed house this much.”

“I’ve made so many more friends that I would’ve probably never talked to before.”

“I love my landing!”

“Really enjoying year 11 house even though I was a bit apprehensive.”

“It has been amazing! I’ve got to talk to people I’ve never talked to before, and I hope we can stay in year group houses!”



Quiz Night

We had a great turn out for our first week of Friday night entertainment. Four quiz teams battled it out in five rounds on General Knowledge, Sports, Films & Books, Picture Puzzles and Famous Faces. The winning team (Rufus, Dylan, Ben C, Hugo W, Struan, Emma and Joana) were an impressive 4 points ahead and earned themselves a yummy pizza takeaway on the house!



Basketball Shoot Out!

Our second week of Friday night entertainment saw boarders come together in another competition, even more lively than the last! Competitors showed off their basketball skills in a 3-point shoot-out challenge while being cheered on by their peers. After an hour of taking turns to shoot hoops, Caleb F came out on top with an impressive 6 hoops scored in 30 seconds - Caleb made the wise decision of choosing a Domino's pizza takeaway as his trophy.



5k Run Club & Weights Training

Despite the craziness of the first weeks of term, we have had an impressive bunch of boarders waking up bright and early to take part in our running and weights sessions. Available on alternating mornings Monday to Friday, these sessions have had a positive contribution to students' health and wellbeing – the chance to get some fresh air and do some physical exercise before breakfast is a great start to the school day! Those regularly participating in these early morning sessions earn 'points', which at the end of the year will be exchanged for prizes to celebrate their involvement in boarding life.

Year 11 House Notices

- Could boarders please bring their own fabric softener with them for laundry
- Could boarders also bring some coat hangers to organise their wardrobe spaces
- Evening phone calls home must be made before 9:45pm so as not to disrupt our night-time routine

Thankyou!