

Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus

Newsletter
November 2018

Message from the
Head – Nicola Bull

I would like to thank you all for your support during the first term at Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus. During the half term break we have enjoyed reflecting on what a busy but successful time it has been.

Whilst we were blighted with IT issues which disrupted the start of the term, students and staff coped admirably and threw themselves into their work and into finding their way around the new, larger campus.

My regular 'learning walks' around the school show that students engage well in their learning and continue to make good progress. Students are always keen to show me their work and explain what they are learning as well as to share their opinions, which are always so useful to hear.

I'm really looking forward to hearing your thoughts on the collaboration.

Please take the time to complete the survey which is linked to this newsletter, so that we can gain your views.

Next term I will be holding a Parent Forum where we can discuss your feedback.

Nicola Bull

Wyvern St Edmund's Sponsored Walk



The first official Wyvern St Edmund's joint event took place at the beginning of term, with a walk across the Laverstock Downs and through the Clarendon Estate to Pitton and back. The whole school took part and raised money for this year's charities. It was a great opportunity for the students to mix and for friendships to be made. Staff also enjoyed the chance to spend quality time with the students outside of the classroom.

Celebration of Achievement

It was the St Edmund's Key Stage 4 Celebration of Achievement on Monday 22nd October. After an address from Brigadier Sharon Nesmith (the British Army's highest ranking female), former and current Year 11 students were acknowledged for their achievement and progress in each subject. The 150th Anniversary Cup was awarded to Madeleine Barclay and The Bobby Magill Cup to Ashley Hunt.



Wyvern College's Celebration evening is on Thursday 22nd November and we will have news about this in the next edition of the newsletter.

PTA Quiz

Mr Martin compered our lively friends and family quiz night which raised £470 for school resources! Thank you to those who came along.



Bake Off

Izzy Hunt (8P) & Alice Ewen Benns (7F) were contestants in the Salisbury Bake Off final at Wiltshire College, taking part against four other students from South Wilts and Trafalgar. We are proud to say Alice won the competition with her citrus inspired cake!



Spitfire Stories

On October 16th, as part of the Personal Development Day, our Year 9s heard the fascinating stories of the Supermarine Spitfires which were secretly built in Salisbury during World War II.

Sporting Success

As ever the PE department is a hive of activity and our students are involved in so much across the community and beyond. Here are some highlights from Term 1:

- Huge congratulations to Mia Farr (7K) who came 6th in the English Tumbling Championship at the Sheffield EIS Arena.
- Ben Shering (7W) came 3rd and Lewis Elshaw (9R) came 5th in the Salisbury Cross Country League's first race at Amesbury Rec.
- St Edmund's U16 football team are through to the next round of the County cup with a 4-2 win against Bradon Forest.
- Well done to Zara Williams and Thea Wright. The Wiltshire Demons comfortably won their first National League basketball match of the season: Wiltshire Demons 76, Reading Rockets 25!

Mia Farr



Cross Country



Football Team



Basketball



Site Safety

- Thank you to all parents who are adhering to our new parking regulations. The double yellow lines across the front of the school site have reduced the volume of traffic onsite which has created a safer campus for all of our students. Some parents are still driving into the school site to drop-off or pick-up their child; please can I politely remind parents not to do this. Instead, please arrange to meet your child at a safe point away from the schools (although please do be mindful of the local area as we have had complaints from local residents about parking and speed issues which are being referred to the police). Please can I also politely request that you do not park in a disabled bay unless you are a disabled badge holder.
- Please also remember that students should not be on site before 07.45am as there are no First Aid facilities available before this time.

Dance the World

Year 7s Personal Development Day consisted of learning about dances from Brazil (Capoeira), India (Dandiya Rass), England (Ceroc) and China (Ribbon).

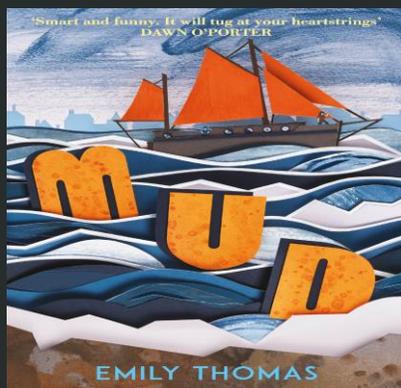


Open Days

We were thrilled to have a high number of visitors for Wyvern and St Edmund's Learning Campus Open Days during October and had some brilliant feedback. We would like to thank the students who showed the parents around, as they were great ambassadors for our school.

Emily Thomas Visit

Students were given a talk by the author of 'MUD' and were given an insight into what life is like living on a barge. Emily told students that she was influenced by some amazing books of old: 'The Diary of Adrian Mole' and 'I Captured a Castle'.



Dates for your diary

Monday 12 th Nov 6.30pm	New York Choir Information evening (in the Drama Studio)
Tuesday 13 th Nov	Year 11 Oxbridge awareness
Thursday 15 th Nov	Ski trip information evening
Thursday 22 nd Nov 7.00pm	Wyvern Prizegiving evening
Mon 26 th 6.00pm, Tues 27 th 6.00pm, Weds 28 th Nov 7.00pm	Year 7 Showcase evening
Tues 4 th Dec 1015	Chamber Choir at the Christmas Tree Festival, St Thomas's Church
Tues 4 th Dec 3.15pm - 7.00pm	Year 11 Parent consultation
Fri 7 th Dec	Teacher development day (school closed for students)
Weds 12 th Dec 7.00pm	Carol Service at St Thomas' Church
Mon 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day (£1 for charities)
Tues 18 th - Weds 19 th Dec	Christmas Lunches (info letter attached)
Fri 21 st Dec	Last day of term (12.50pm finish)
3 rd - 8 th Jan 2019	New York Choir Trip
Mon 7 th Jan 2019	First day of Term 3
Fri 15 th Feb 2019	Last day of Term 3

Contacting School

- Reception (for ALL Wyvern St Edmund's enquiries): 01722 328565
- For enquiries and meetings in person, please note that you should sign in at the St Edmund's reception.
- To report a child's absence, regardless of whether your child is a boy or a girl, please email absence@wyvernsteds.org
- You can contact both schools with your queries by emailing office@wyvernsteds.org
- Both school websites are still in use www.st-edmunds.eu and www.wyverncollege.wilts.sch.uk
- The Parent Portal is no longer available but Magna Learning Partnership will be introducing a new version in due course.

