

# Wixams Academy

# Newsletter

## Principal's Welcome



This May edition of our Newsletter brings you important updates as we move steadily closer to opening in September.

We continue to make outstanding appointments, meaning your children will have the very best teachers in the region. We also have a focus on 'Behaviour at the Academy', which will ensure a calm and safe learning environment for all.

Finally, we also bring you practical information including our '2017/18 Term Dates' and further details about our Year 6 into Year 7 Transfer Day which will be taking place on 6 July.

## Staff News



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### Talented and vastly experienced Director of Maths joins the Team

We are enormously fortunate to have Jacquie Hepburn joining our team and her appointment again shows Wixams Academy's commitment to recruiting the highest calibre staff.

Jacqui is passionate about Mathematics having pursued the discipline from a First Class Degree to an extremely

successful industrial research and teaching career. A highly experienced Mathematics teacher and leader, Jacqui's expertise is recognised and valued across the county where she has served as Bedford's Mathematics Lead and chaired the Professional Study Group for Maths leaders.

Jacqui has been Director of Mathematics at Secondary and Upper schools in the region and is currently an Assistant Headteacher at Kempston Challenger Academy. Living in Oakley, Jacqui has three children studying at university and is currently the Chair of Governors at her local middle school.

Jacqui recently told us: 'I strongly believe in the importance of Years 7 and 8 in developing well rounded young people and giving students the skills to be successful at GCSE and beyond. I am excited to be joining Wixams Academy and look forward to creating the best educational experience for our students in Bedfordshire.'

In other staff news, we have just appointed a very experienced English Teacher and will be interviewing our last few teachers and SENDCo this month. Adverts for Support Staff will be posted just after half-term.

## Building and Facilities News

A recent tour of the school revealed great progress both inside and out. All furniture and ICT equipment has been ordered and we are now busy equipping specialist areas including science, PE, technology and music.



