PARENT BULLETIN WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having completed the Autumn term, it is almost half way through the academic year. As the days start to get longer and the weather improves, the half term and Easter Breaks are soon upon us as we race towards the summer exam season. For Year 13 this is a critical time of the year, a time for renewed focus and commitment to learning, to maximise both learning time and opportunities within the College so they are in the best possible position ahead of their final exams.

I'd like to thank you and the students for your support with the difficult start back as a result of the awful weather and boiler breakdown. Students took the brief revert back to Teams learning in their stride, however, it was great to welcome them back in person.

We wait in anticipation for the 12th March results for the Cambridge Technicals and BTec exams completed in January. In the meantime Year 13 are readying themselves for the Pre-Public Exams week commencing 3rd February as well as having the spotlight on them to ensure they are meeting deadlines and completing the Non-Examined Assessment (coursework) to a standard that is at least their target grade and where possible a grade above. This is to give them the strongest position going in to the final exams in the summer term.

It was great to see such a hive of conversation and positivity on 22nd January when our Year 13 employment and apprenticeship group were put through their paces in mock interviews with employers who were generous to give them time to hone their skills. Always a pleasure to receive such good feedback, the students got so much out of the opportunity and we are extremely grateful to all who gave their time so generously.

We are looking forward to seeing the Year 12 and 13 continue to flourish over the spring term and thank you again for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Ailie Pollon

Tigues Polan

Headteacher - Wigston College

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been a time of exploration, creativity, and development, and it has been wonderful to see our students fully immerse themselves in both their academic pursuits and extracurricular activities. Here are some of the highlights from the term:

- Year 7 and 8 completed their first set of whole cohort assessments in the sports hall. This gave them an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, as well as preparing them for the formal exam process in the future, particularly for GCSEs
- A fantastic Parents' Information Evening for Year 9, where families explored and learned about the options process – an exciting and important milestone
- Year 10 sat their first set of PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations), helping them to experience the exam environment and prepare for the future
- Year 11 started their Battle of the Bands, a weekly competition where the two halves of the year group go head-to-head to see who is completing their homework and achieving the best marks.
 Prizes are also up for grabs, adding an extra layer of excitement

As we move into the spring term, we are excited about the upcoming opportunities and events for our school community.

I am also pleased to share that our attendance is currently at a national average, which is something we are incredibly proud of. This reflects the growing resilience of our students and their enjoyment of school life, with many showing great enthusiasm in coming to school each day.

We look forward to another term of hard work, achievements and memorable moments as we continue to support our students in their educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Chris Conlon

Headteacher - Wigston Academy

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2025

Mid Term Break Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Easter Break Monday 14th April to Friday 25th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

School Opens Monday 28th April 2025

May Day Monday 5th May 2025

Mid Term Break Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

School Closes Thursday 10th July 2025

Year 7 have returned beautifully after the Christmas break and settled back into their routines. We are really pleased with the progress that they have made and the maturity they have shown. At end of the first term we had a wonderful rewards assembly with lots of prizes and certificates given out. The students thoroughly enjoyed it. At the end of this half term we will hold another rewards assembly, slightly smaller than the end of term one, and it is up to the students to accumulate as many achievement points as they can to get the best prizes.

This half term we held our Year 7 assessments in English, Maths and Science and students got a feel of what it is like to do a formal exam.

As ever, thank you for your support and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or through the school phone number: dhodgkinson@wigstonmat.org

Mr D Hodgkinson – Head of Year 7

A huge well done to Year 8 for sitting their first ever Year 8 mock assessments. I am really proud with how well our students managed and how responsible they were.

During this time we had lots of different emotions, from fear to excitement. However, with great strength and resilience they were able to complete the assessments effectively. I am pleased to say that Year 8 set a great example for how a GCSE exam should be.

Myself and Miss Quinn will continue to follow our rewards calendar to encourage positive growth and development, especially focused around our core values.

Mrs C Bentley - Head of Year 8

/EAR 9

Since returning after the Christmas half term, it has been really good to see students engaging with our school values. We hope that this continues throughout this academic year. We are also approaching that time of the year where students are deciding what they would like to do for their options. For many this can be a really exciting time of the year as students get to participate in taster sessions which will help them further in making their choices. However, we recognise that for some students this can also be a challenging time as they feel keen to make the right choice. For students who may be feeling under pressure or unsure, please direct students to speak with their teachers, tutors and the pastoral team who will support them through this whether that may be advice or to listen to their thoughts and ideas.

Additionally, we have some students contacting home on their own mobiles because they are feeling unwell. Please support us in reminding students that they must seek medical attention at break or lunch or speak with their Head of Year who will contact home. Finally, we have been really pleased to see that students are being more responsible with their punctuality to lessons and school but as a year group we still have improvements to make. Please support us by ensuring that your child is in registration by 8:30 am and if there is a reason for lateness, please let the Head of Year know via email.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. rbhogal@wigstonmat.org

Miss R Bhogal—Head of Year 9



Year 10 have been super busy this half term; the vast majority have been working incredibly hard in lessons and it is always a pleasure seeing them engaged in their learning. Well done to the Girls and Boys football teams and the Girls netball team for all they have achieved so far this year.

The PPEs went well; the majority of students took them seriously and absolutely did their best. Attendance during the PPEs was excellent. It would be great if students could maintain this to give themselves the best chance to reach their full potential in their upcoming GCSEs. Every day matters, every lesson counts.

Thank you for supporting your child in securing a work experience placement, this will be such a valuable experience for them and a great addition to their College applications.

A few of our lucky Year 10s are looking forward to the ski trip, they will make so many long lasting memories and we wish them a safe and enjoyable week.

The year group have exciting times ahead: they will be receiving their target grades in February and their first round of predicted grades in March. I know students are keen to find out what grades they should be aiming for and wish them every success in reaching their goals!

I really hope Year 10 have a relaxing well-earned half term break and look forward to seeing them feeling refreshed and ready for another busy but positive half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss C Bramley - Head of Year 10

YEAR 11

Year 11 has been very busy this term and on a whole, the year group have really stepped up and are putting in the necessary hard work and commitment. Classes are very settled and many are taking advantage of the after-school interventions and revision sessions. A reminder that the learning hub is open every evening until 4pm for independent study.

This term we have started a Battle of the Bands competition: the band that wins will be entered into a prize draw to win some fantastic prizes. Students are also completing half a Maths paper as homework and writing an essay each week in English: this regular practice of exam questions will have a huge impact on their final GCSE grade and confidence going into their exams.



Well done to Pradnoor SIngh for winning the first prize draw.

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Just a reminder that Year 11s have their second set of PPE exams after February half term and the results will be available from the 10th of March. We will also be sending the next data tracking information home on the 24th of March, which will hopefully show a good amount of progress as we are moving closer to the real exams.

Can I please ask for your support ensuring your child is in school every day and on time: with colleges checking applications and allocating spaces, it is always sad to see a number of applications put on hold because attendance is below 90% or because of poor punctuality.

The Prom planning is going well and we are all getting very excited. Please remember that Prom deposits need to be paid by the 14th February. Congratulations to Lyla Butlin for winning the Prom dress. Please keep a look out for further raffles and Prom fund-raising events.

Mrs Chapman - Head of Year 11

TOP TEN STUDENTS

Here are our top ten students so far this year. As always, students have been selected for their attitude to learning, good behaviour and excellent attendance. Well done to all of you!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Khaleesi Allsop	Jasnoor Gill	Gaia Byrne	Julia Cichon	Ayona Biju
William Armel	Sophie Guess	Steven Gao	Holly Dixon	Kate Casey
Alicia Batool	Leon Harris	Mihika Gotmare	Amelia Dubbins	Francesca Collick
Ava Dudson	Luke Harris	Violet Hammond	Oliver Emery	Alexandra Leeson
Isabella Formela	Jonah Hill	Jack McLeod	Davina Joy King Daniels Bala	Devina Madhas
Jude Macken	Joshua Hill	Hassan Ojo	Hayden Lang	James Martin
Georgia McLeod	Jassica Sarai	Garret Smith	Lillia O'Brien	Zara Raja
Cassia Overton-Pears	Lola Sim	Jacob Spicer	Maya Stevens	Joshua Sharman
Mason Percival	Eslija Urkevica	Charlie Taylor	Sebastian Supra-Jason	Qasim Sheikh
Bernard Poultney	Iylah Weston	Torin Weston	Anya Timbota	Charlotte Vann

ENGLISH WRITING CLASS



Year 11 - Wednesdays — 3.10pm-4pm - C-Block Corridor

Writing for Success!

- Need to improve your writing skill?
- Need to improve your writing stamina?
- Need a quiet space to practise?

Come along on Wednesdays to practise writing skills for both <u>language</u> and <u>literature</u> papers:

- Essays (all of literature and language)
- Creative writing (language paper 1)
 - Transactional writing (language paper 2)

Modern Foreign Languages

Well done to all the students who entered our annual MFL Christmas Competition "The 12 Tasks of Christmas". We are delighted to announce the winners:

Year 7 - Erin Dsouza

Year 8 - Eliza Archer

Year 9 - Isobel Bromley-Spurr and Victorious Chulu (we couldn't decide!)

Congratulations!

Miss Rigby - MFL Teacher

Road Safety

We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of cars that are using our school site in both the mornings and afternoons. Please can we ask that if you need to come onto site to drop off or collect students by car that this is done in the Wigston College car park, which is less busy.

Please can we also ask that you remind your son/daughter to be aware of traffic whilst on site and on the way home.

The Trust's Sex and Relationships Education Policy has been recently updated to reflect national changes. This policy, together with others, can be viewed on our websites.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank you to all students, parents and carers and staff for supporting our charity and community events last term. This term we will be supporting other local and national events. We are also still looking for donations for our Pre-loved Uniform Shop.

Comic Relief - Friday 21st March 2025

All students will be able to take part in our non-uniform day in support of Comic Relief on Friday 21st March. To help raise money we ask that students bring a £1 donation or donate to our food bank. We will also be launching our 'Are you funny?' campaign. Students can enter and tell us their best joke and prizes will be awarded to the best joke in each year group!



Friday 21st March - Comic Relief

Students will take part in a non-uniform day and donate £1 in support of Comic Relief.

We also have a joke competition, 1 winner from each year will win a voucher, winners to be announced in assemblies!



Year 5 Activity Mornings - 1st April to 4th April

During this spring term we have invited the Year 5 students from our feeder schools to come and take part in an activity morning at the Academy after the success of last year's event. They will take part in a variety of activities from Science, ADT, MFL, Performance Studies and English. This is a great opportunity for the students to come into the Academy, familiarise themselves with the building and meet some key staff.

WA Pre-loved Uniform Shop

In our previous bulletin we announced the launch of our pre-loved uniform shop. Would you be willing to donate any pre-loved school uniform items to be a part of our Pre-loved Uniform Shop?

We are looking for any good quality, clean, non-damaged items that you would like to donate, please bring them into main reception at the Academy. We will soon be announcing when and where you can purchase our preloved uniform items for a bargain price. (Damaged and soiled items won't be able to be sold and will be disposed of).

Making a change – currently only 1% of clothing is recycled, lets help to make a difference!



Wigston Academy Trips

Wigston Academy & Wigston College-



Ski Trip USA Mar 19th – Mar 27th 2027 (Easter Holidays)

5 days Skiing & 2 days in New York



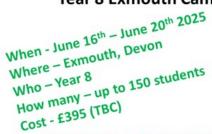


- If interested please collect a letter, from Mrs Parbery in Site B Sports Hall Office.
- Spaces are limited to 40 students and the trip is open to current year 8 & 9 at the academy. (Travel in year 10 & 11)
- It is also open to current year 10 & 11 students if you are staying at Wigston College. (Travel in year 12 & 13)

Wigston Academy - Learn - Aspire - Achieve

Year 8 Exmouth Camp 2025









THERE ARE STILL A FEW PLACES LEFT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE CAMP 2025 TRIP!

LETTERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MRS PARBERY IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE, COME TO THE PE OFFICE.



Canada Ski Trip 2025

The students going on this year's ski trip to Canada are very excited! Here they are in their hoodies ready for the trip!



PE UPDATE

It has been a busy few months for the students in PE and Sports – lots of clubs, fixtures and events!

Boys Football

The Year 10 Boys amazing run in the National Cup continued as they made it through round 5 with a dramatic penalty shootout win v Montsaye Academy. The game finished 1-1 in normal time but the lads held their nerve to run out 4-3 winners on penalties. In round 6, the boys welcomed Ashlawn School to Wigston Academy. In a very close and high-quality match, the boys showed great resilience to comeback from 1 down and the game looked to be heading to penalties. Unfortunately, Ashlawn took one of their very few chances to go on and win the game 2-1. The boys were very disappointed to exit the competition, but to have made the last 32 of over 800 schools in an incredible achievement and one they should be very proud of...we certainly are! The focus for the team now turns to defending their County Cup title.

The Year 9 Boys also continued their fantastic run in the National Cup. They faced a trip to Guilsborough in round 5 where they produced their best performance of the season to earn a comfortable 6-2 victory. A home match v Pingle Academy in round 6 was next up. In a good game of competitive football, there was nothing to split the two teams and the match ended 1-1. The lottery of penalties was next and unfortunately our boys missed out, losing 5-4. A very cruel end to their cup run. As with the Year 10 team, the 9's were in the top 32 schools of over 800 schools which a brilliant achievement for the team and we look forward to how far they can go next season.

Girls Football

Our girls were treated to a training session from Nottingham Forest and Northern Ireland International Nat Johnson in December. A great experience for the students to be coached by a professional footballer! Thank you to Nat for giving up her time.



The girls teams kicked off their Oadby and Wigston League campaigns in January.

The Year 7 Girls have made a brilliant start to their time at Wigston Academy with 3 wins from 3 so far. Their first game saw them beat Gartree 8-2. This was followed up with an amazing 15-0 win v South Wigston. They faced Beauchamp next and another fine team display meant they ran out 7-3 winners. They face Manor after half term in their final match in the league.

The Year 8/9 Girls made a good start with a close fought penalty shootout win v Gartree. In their next match, it was another close encounter v Beauchamp. Unfortunately, they lost 2-1. They also face Manor after half term.

The Year 10/11 Girls started their league games with a comfortable 7-0 v South Wigston. They then travelled to Beauchamp and won 3-0. This means they have been crowned Oadby and Wigston Champions and will now go on to represent the area in the County Cup. Superb work girls, well done!

Netball

The Year 7 Netball team's amazing debut season continued as they made their first appearance in the County Cup. They welcomed Ivanhoe to Wigston Academy in the quarter finals. The girls played brilliantly and booked their place in the semi-finals with a convincing 10-1 win. In the semi-final they faced a really strong Saint Martin's team and unfortunately lost the match. However, to be crowned Oadby and Wigston Champions and win 5 out of your 6 matches in their first season is a brilliant achievement and one they should be very proud of. Well done girls.

The Year 10 Netball team also faced Saint Martin's in the semi-final of the County Cup. It was an amazing match of netball between two great sides and a lot of talented netballers on show. Unfortunately, despite a great team effort, our girls didn't quite have enough to get over the line and lost the match. It has been another brilliant season for the girls who were, once again, crowned Oadby and Wigston Champions and they should be very proud of their performances.

Netball continues for all year groups as students look forward to playing in the South Leicestershire Tournaments.

The Year 11 team played their final games for Wigston Academy as they finished runners up in the Plate Competition at the South Leicestershire Tournament. Well done girls and thank you for all your years of representing the school!

Inclusive Sports

Our KS3 and KS4 Inclusive Indoor Athletics teams travelled to Hinckley Leisure Centre for the County Finals in December. Both teams showed lots of enthusiasm, teamwork and respect as they performed brilliantly. Well done all!



Badminton

Our KS3 and KS4 teams travelled to Beauchamp for the Oadby and Wigston Tournament. They played matches v Beauchamp and Gartree. It was a mixed set of results but our students demonstrated a brilliant attitude throughout and it was a great experience for them all to represent the school. Well

done all.



Sports Leadership

Our Year 10 Sport Leaders have been very busy this term helping lead a variety of primary school events. We hosted competitions in Basketball, Boccia and Dodgeball and our leaders gave up their time to volunteer. Once again, they received fantastic feedback from Primary school staff and the event organisers. We are very proud of their efforts and look forward to helping at more events this year. Well done all.

PE Twitter - Up-to-date Information

To keep up to date with information from the PE department, please follow our Twitter account: @WigstonAcadPE

Cycle Safety

It is fantastic to see so many of our students riding their bikes to school. The only concern is that a large number of pupils do not seem to wear a protective helmet. With the increased number of cars on the road, it may be something, along with a good set of lights, that would be worth investing in.



PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts have had a very busy time at the Trust this academic year so far performing two packed programmes to over 930 audience members. We are currently working on We Will Rock You, which is being performed 12th to 15th March. We have over 60 students involved back stage, on stage and in the orchestra and all our students have been working incredibly hard on a very busy show. This is a culmination of months of hard work. We are thrilled with the number of new students involved in this production. We would like to say a huge thank you to those that are supporting us in anyway.

Alongside this, we are thinking about our last concert of the academic year, Summer Fiesta, which will be performed on 25th and 26th June. We then have our KS3 talent show that is in July before we break up for the summer holidays. All monies raised for this will go to LOROS, a charity that we are supporting this year.

Tickets are available for all our productions and can be purchased through our website at www.wigstonacademy.org follow the production ticket link. These can also be purchased from the Academy reception with cash or cheque.

We are committed to raising £1,000 for LOROS and in return we are having a baby elephant that our Art Department and Performing Arts community will come together and paint. This will then take its journey around Leicester with it being placed in situ at Wigston Academies Trust.

Please come and support our amazing students involved in our productions, some that are performing for the very first time. Thank you for your support of Performing Arts and we look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Watkiss - Head of Performing Arts





CAREERS

Mock Interviews—22nd January 2025

What an incredible morning! With over 30 volunteers, over 300 mock interviews took place for Year 11 and Year 13 students who are planning on going straight into employment/apprenticeships. There was a really positive atmosphere and buzz in the hall with lots of engaging conversations taking place. Students went in a little nervous and came out with smiles on their faces. There was lots of constructive feedback on how the students can improve and what to focus on for their next interview. It was lovely to welcome back some of our alumni to help with the interviews this year.





Thank you to all of the local volunteers who gave up their time to support our students. It is so important for young people to engage with local employers and experience elements of the world of work to help them prepare for their futures.

Year 9 Option Workshops - 20th and 21st March

We are currently working with our lead advisor Jess Moore, from Pathways, on a range of careers advice, engagement and enrichment activities with the Academy and College. Jess delivered Option Workshops to Year 9 students to help them with their GCSE option choices. We had a really positive two days, with lots of questions from students about their future and the different routes available. Students have explored the range of GCSE options available to them at Wigston Academy and choices they need to make for their futures. Ongoing support will be given by staff to students in completing their applications for GCSE options.

National Apprenticeship Week

This is a great opportunity for students to find out more information about apprenticeships and the pathways available. During the week there will be lots of activities for students in Years 7 to 13 to explore what following an apprenticeship and the wide range of apprenticeships available. This is a great way to 'earn while you learn', achieving qualifications up to and beyond degree level. Look out for more information through the WAT APP during the week.



National Careers Week - 3rd - 8th March 2025

This will be the fourth year we have participated fully in the NCW to raise awareness of the wide range of careers and options available to students. It will provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways at both Post 16 and Post 18.

All subjects will explore how their skills and knowledge can lead to future careers and different employment opportunities.

There will be lots of information shared through WAT APP on how students and families can get involved

during the week



Year 10 Work Experience – Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April

In Year 10 all students have the chance to take part in work experience for one week. This is a great opportunity for young people to find out about the world of work, which will support their development and preparation for leaving full time education.

We are still looking for local companies who are interested in supporting the programme. If you are able to offer a work experience placement for any of our students, please contact careers@wigstonmat.org and we will get in contact and look to identify a suitable student for the week.



Save the date: Careers Fair - 19th March 2025

Wigston Academies Trust Careers Fair will be held at Wigston College on Wednesday 19th March 2025 from 5.00 – 7.30pm. There are many stands to support students from Year 8 through to Year 13, these will include Further Education College, Universities and Local Employers. The companies who have vacancies with apprenticeships for school and college leavers will be advertising throughout the evening. Booking is essential so please look out for further information via the WAT App.

For more information about Careers Education at Wigston College and Wigston Academy visit the website <u>Careers</u> Home | Wigston Multi Academy Trust (wigstonmat.org)

Spotlight on Careers

Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing

This dynamic sector allows you to be at the forefront of innovation, working with new technology. Engineering uses scientific and practical knowledge to invent, design, and construct everything around us! Manufacturing produces goods from raw materials into finished products, often using high tech systems. Roles in demand include electrical, mechanical, digital and artificial intelligence engineers, production managers and engineers, 3D printing technician, process operators, research and design engineers and machine programmers.

Local companies in Leicester and Leicestershire

- Michael Smith
- Switchgear
- Taylor Hobson
- Emerson
- Fisher Scientific
- Bostik
- Preci-Spark
- Druck
- Nylacast
- Coba
- Winbro Group
- ITP Aero
- DPI (UK)
- ②Ametek

Robotics and digitalisation is boosting productivity and safety across the sector, with UK adoption up 50% in 5 years. Medical technology, low carbon transport, green energy products and future food products are key growth areas.

What Could you earn from this industry?

Materials Technician	£20K - £30K
Robotics Engineer	£24K-£50K
Communications Engineer	£22K-£50K
Project Manager	£25K-£55K
Electronics Engineer	£22K-£50K
Electronics Technician	£21K-£45K
Design and Development Technician	£27K-£48K
CAD Technician	£20K-£36K

MIRA Technology Park (Hinckley) is the largest automotive research and development park in Europe.

Please see further information for a deeper dive into this industry LLEP WORLD OF WORK LEICESTERSHIRE

The World of work booklet is used to be able to see the most up to date information regarding labour market information in Leicester and Leicestershire.

Local opportunities currently available:

Electrical Engineer	Junior Aerospace Engineer	
UI/UX Designer	Mechanical Design Engineer	
Mechanical Engineer	Manufacturing Engineering (Degree Apprenticeship)	
Maintenance Engineer	CAD Lead (Degree apprenticeship)	

Many different apprenticeships within this sector can be found at: Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Sixth Form Update

Well, it doesn't seem too long ago that we were writing our Christmas newsletter to you all and bang, here we are in 2025, so a happy new year to you all. The run up to Christmas was an extremely bustling time in the Sixth Form with PPE results, Parents' Evenings and some fabulous festive inter-tutor group competitions.

Year 13 PPE#2

Depending on when this newsletter reaches you, our Year 13 students will be sitting or will have just sat their second round of subject testing. Unlike the first round of PPEs, these may not be all full papers from each subject as we begin to zero in on the trickier elements of each subject. So, for example they may have been faced with just Question 3 and 4 from Section B of a paper rather than the full script. This is to challenge and fortify their ability to respond to perhaps the not yet tested elements of each examination. They will receive high quality feedback to ensure they are prepared, confident and ready for whatever is thrown at them come the summer. The summer exam season is now only approximately 11 College weeks away. Revision must be underway and should be continuous. If any student is still unsure of revision techniques or if you as parents and carers would like to know more about how best to support your child leading up to and through the examination period, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Applications to University for 2025

Year 13 students wanting to go to university later this year have all completed their UCAS applications which were submitted in a timely fashion, ahead of the submission deadline. Students are now receiving offers and making decisions about which courses they want to hold as their first and second choices. Student loan applications are likely to open next month – we will alert students as soon as the student loan website is open for applications for 2025-26.

Year 12 PPEs

Year 12 will be sitting PPEs (mock examinations) in the week beginning 24th of March, a mere six College weeks away. Again, students should be reviewing learning and revising in order to commit their knowledge and understanding to their long term memory. The PPE papers will only contain the content covered in each of their subjects so far, there will be no surprises or curve balls. This will be a good chance for the students to see what has stuck and what they need to focus on moving forward. There will be more information on this as we get closer to the PPE week.

Year 12 Parents Evening

Wednesday 29th January saw our first Year 12 subject Parents Evening. Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to attend. These evenings are always such a valuable opportunity to hear about how your child is getting on with their studies, what is working well and what it is they need to focus on to ensure they reach and realise their potential. We pride ourselves on the positive relationships we have with you as parents and carers as we know that between us we form the team around the learner and create the environment in which they can flourish and succeed. If you were unable to attend but would like some feedback on how your son or daughter is getting on then, as ever, please do get in touch and we will be more than happy to provide this.

Year 11 Interviews Begin

The long process of interviewing all of the Year 11 students that have applied to study Level 3 courses with us in 2025-26 has recently begun. We have received a huge number of applications so far, somewhere in the region of 700! We have begun the process by interviewing Wigston Academy students and imminently this will widen to those that have applied to us from schools and colleges around the city and county. Our expert team of Sixth Form specialists have been impressed by the standard so far and looking forward to meeting and speaking to all applicants moving forward. If you are still unsure about where to go for your Sixth Form education please feel free to get in touch and one of our advisors will be able to help. In the meantime, we wish each and every applicant the very best of luck with their GCSE examinations.

Festive Competitions and Celebrations

There was a truly warm and festive feel around the College in the weeks leading up to the Christmas break. We ran a number of competitions as inspired by our Student President Alice. It was Alice who came up with the idea of having a festive inter-tutor group competition to see who could decorate their form door in a festive style the best, who could create the best Christmas tree out of recycled materials and create their best festive hamper which were then donated to The Salvation Army. It was truly inspiring to see the effort our students put into this and a very worthy effort in aid of those less fortunate than ourselves at this time of year.







We are very much looking forward to our next round of competitions in April with an old school sports day style morning of competition as per student requests!

Under 18 Girls Football

This is the College's first season entering a league and the U18 girls team continues to impress; currently second in the league. The next fixture is against Loughborough College on 13th February (home fixture).

