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Editorial—Mr Bent

I am delighted to be bringing you the first ever issue of the Wykhams Weekly—the newspaper for students of the Wykhams Park and Futures Institute campus—written by you, and designed for you.

Running a school newspaper is something which I have wanted to do ever since I became a teacher—nine whole years ago. When I was at school, I was a part of the school newspaper there, and it was where I found a lot of confidence and belief in my own writing abilities, and therefore that is something that I want to pass on to the wonderful students at Wykhams Park.

This first issue sees an article on Minecraft by Bryan Kerby (Y8), an article on the school production—Bugsy Malone, by Chloe Watts and Daisy Nunn, (Y8), and then information on the Extra-Curricular Activities in school, again by Chloe and Daisy, as well as a brief report on the DofE expedition led by Mr Sullivan. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come to the newspaper club—just drop by H2 on a Monday or Thursday lunchtime. You can also complete your articles in your own time—just submit them in the Google Classroom.

I hope to see more of you soon, and I hope that you enjoy reading this first issue.

Events on Campus:

DRAMA PRODUCTION

Recently, the announcement of the upcoming drama production named ‘Bugsy Malone’ was made.



Students from across the campus came together in a meeting on Thursday, September 16th to discuss plans for the production. Rehearsals will be happening for 7 months until the three nights in April. Main role auditions were on Wednesday 22nd for year 9, 10 and 11 as well as sixth-form. Auditions for year 7, 8 and sixth-form were on the 23rd of September. The auditions were for people who wanted the chance at a main role.



The production is being led by Mrs White and Mr Spencer as well as various school departments designing and building the sets. Students can take part in anything from acting to lighting, set design to backstage.

By Daisy Nunn and Chloe Watts



Game Review—why is Minecraft still popular?

First of all, Minecraft is a game in which I personally played for a long time, Second, is that lots of Youtubers, including mrbeast, dantdm, pewdiepie have all played this game, its how they make content. Third is that its not just about mining and crafting, you can build anything to small houses to massive mansion or piston doors to massive redstone contraptions. I built a huge 120 block (meter) skyscraper and i did a survival world where i have netherite armour. ***By Bryan Kerby***

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As it is the start of the new school year, a new range of extra curricular activities has been introduced for students to participate in such as girls / boys football, rugby, badminton and more.

The schedule was announced in the first assemblies of the new year and is spread across the campus for people to identify and decide what they would like to partake in. Teachers are recommending and encouraging these activities.

The current timetable is:

Tuesday: Girl's football (Miss Keys and Miss Gilbert) and all years rugby (Mr Pratt and Mr Bowen)

Wednesday: All years badminton (Miss Gilbert and Miss Hancocks) and all years basketball (Miss Keys and Mr Bowen)

Thursday: All years netball (Mrs Hanson and Miss Hancocks) and all years hockey (Mr Pratt, Miss Gilbert and Mr Medwin).

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Recently, a range of students in year 10 and 11 went on an exhibition. They walked many miles with heavy camping bags and camped out in the school, practicing certain camping traditions. This certainly sounded like a trip well worth all the exhaustion.

NEWSPAPER CLUB

This is where I am currently, writing this newspaper. Newspaper club is on every Monday and Thursday, and is in room H2 with Mr Bent. This club is extremely fun to partake in, however lonely as there are only 2 students including myself involved in this club. We are looking for new people to join this club! We would be happy to welcome anybody who would like to join! In this club, we write newspapers to inform students across the campus of upcoming events in the school.

PRIDE CLUB

Pride club is back for another year! It is held Tuesday lunchtime in the main drama studio (D1) by Mr. Bent, Mrs. White and Miss Joubert. Everyone is welcome to come and have fun. Everyone there will support you and you may even discover new things about yourself. Nobody at this club will judge you for who you are. Whether you are an ally, or a member of the LGBTQ+ community, you're welcome.

By Daisy and Chloe



A successful Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Hope you are enjoying these last few days of summer, last weekend we certainly did. 30 year 10 and 11 went on and completed their Bronze DofE expedition. This passed largely without problem and it was great to see the young people enjoy themselves and have fun.

A few thank-yous from myself—Ms Thomas for allowing us to "camp at home" and camp at school. Ms Grant and Ms Plank for sorting the forms from the kids and generally being super helpful. Olly and the weekend site team for sorting the bathrooms, trollies and making

sure we were not locked in. Mrs Tibbett-Reeves and Mrs Wileman for sorting the trips list. Mrs Timms for getting me a trip phone at short notice. The IT team for trying to enable some very dated tech to work... thanks for trying, very late on friday! Mrs Fisher for sorting access, and contacting the weekend caretaker for us. Ms McMahon and the DT team for allowing extended storage of some whiffy tents in your loos (all gone now). A special thanks to Mr Bent for being our assessor and emergency back up, the croissants were much appreciated and thanks for coming out in the evening and first thing on a Saturday morning (to assess, no emergencies). Finally my most thanks to Mrs White for being the Bo to my Luke Duke as we teared across "restricted" farmland to "save" law abiding students, unwilling to cross a lock - "it says cross a bridge here Sir".... thanks for your support and being a funny sympathetic leader.

If you wish to join in with the fun, hopefully we'll rerun the fun in April (upper school) and June (year 9).

Carry On Camping.

By Mr Sullivan

