



## The Weekly Word

No. 73 Monday 21st January 2019

### A note from the Principal

Thank you to those parents who have clearly had a conversation with their children about crossing Springfield Avenue. I was up there again this week and was still dismayed to see some students actively ignoring traffic and walking straight across by the sweet shop. I was also horrified to learn that one of my staff saw a near miss on the main road by the Horton where one of our girls walked out in front of a lorry. We have done assemblies with all students now on road safety – please support us by having an ongoing conversation with your children about the dangers that face them walking to and from school. I am also interested to know how many of you would actively support me if I go to the Highways department and ask for the speed limit on Ruskin and Springfield to be reduced to 20 mph.



Having been up there several times now there are some drivers who are clearly driving far too quickly where there are hundreds of children leaving both our campus and BGN. Please drop me an email if you are happy to back a campaign to make our roads safer for your children.



#### Dates for your diary:

- Open Evening - Thursday 24th January
- Year 9 Guided Choices Evening - Thursday 24th January
- Year 10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 28th February

[Link to calendar](#)

## Outstanding Progress For Our Sixth Form



We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded the 2018 ALPS Certificate for Outstanding Progress.

ALPS is an online tool that is used to measure student progress within and across schools nationally.

We are now officially in the top 25% of post-16 providers across the country. In addition to this, what is particularly pleasing is

the fact that we have been recognised for achieving this consistently for the last three years.

This truly is a testament to the commitment of students and staff at the school. Our young people are ambitious, committed individuals and this outstanding achievement reflects that. The fact that this follows our 'Outstanding' OFSTED rating in May 2018, just reinforces the high quality education students receive in our sixth form.

We are incredibly proud and look forward to the achievements to come.

For Year 10 and Sixth Form entry

**OPEN EVENING**  
Thurs. 24th Jan 2019, 6-8pm  
Banbury Aspirations Campus



**Space Studio  
Banbury**



**Wykhams Park  
Academy Banbury**



**Banbury Aspirations  
Campus Sixth Form**



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## Year 13 Biology - Science Live

Four of the Year 13 Biology students came with me to Birmingham to attend an A-level Biology day called Science Live. We heard talks by eminent scientists including human fertility specialist Professor Robert Winston, research geneticist Professor Steve Jones, and science writer Dr Ben Goldacre. We heard fascinating talks about memory formation, eugenics, antibiotic resistance, the evolution of humans and the misuse of statistics.

In addition there were talks from an examiner, telling the students about common pitfalls in exam technique, and suggesting the best ways to approach revision.

The students found it interesting and informative, with lots of ideas from experts to make them think about real applications of Biology.

Dr Mary Brodey  
Biology teacher

## DITTO - Online Safety Magazine

Click [here](#) to access the latest copy of your free online safety magazine.

This issue includes: What is captology, passwords, reporting harmful content, Fortnite scams and more!

## Expressive Arts Trip

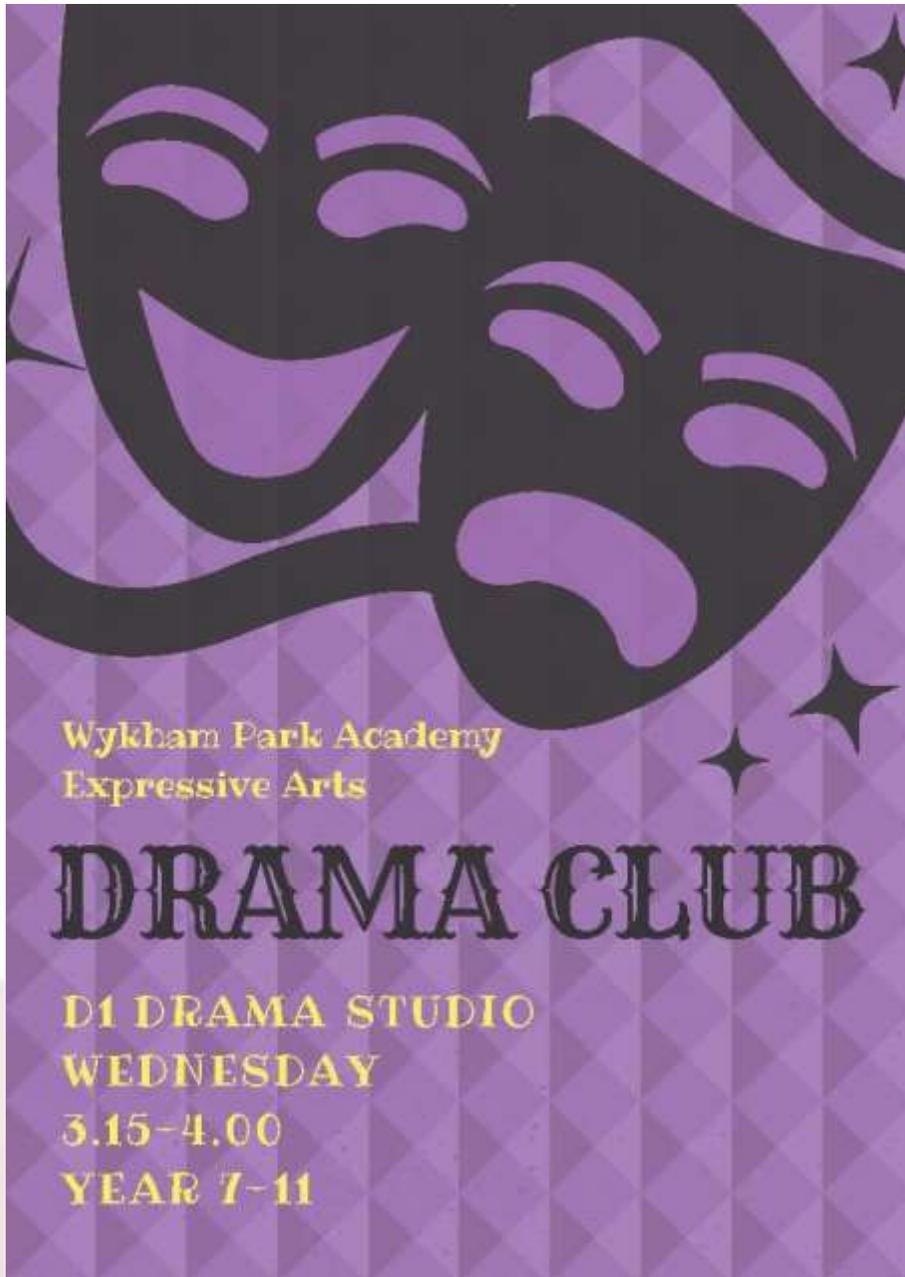
We are excited to be able to offer **Year 9 students & The Cast of our main school production 'Joseph'** the opportunity to go on a **London Theatre Tour on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019**. Students will be given the opportunity to work with West End actors and performers to re-create some iconic moments from two different productions.

The trip includes-

- Coach Travel
- One night Stay at the Travelodge in Covent Garden
- **Tickets to See The Woman in Black & Aladdin**
- An **'On Stage'** practical workshop exploring suspense and tension in The Woman in Black
- A workshop at **Pineapple Studios with the cast of Aladdin restaging a scene from the performance**
- Dinner at Planet Hollywood (10<sup>th</sup> July)
- Breakfast (11<sup>th</sup> July)
- Boots Packed Lunch (11<sup>th</sup> July)
- Insurance
- Tour guide when in London

The total cost for the trip is **£240**. If you would like your son/daughter to have a place on the trip please return a reply slip with a **non-refundable deposit of £50 to secure their place by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019**. Letters are available from **Mrs White, Head of Expressive Arts**.

## Expressive Arts Clubs



Wykham Park Academy  
Expressive Arts

# DRAMA CLUB

D1 DRAMA STUDIO  
WEDNESDAY  
3.15-4.00  
YEAR 7-11



WYKHAM PARK ACADEMY  
EXPRESSIVE ARTS FACULTY

# SET, PROPS & COSTUME MAKERS CLUB

IF YOU WOULD TO LIKE TO HELP CREATE THE SET  
FOR OUR MAIN SCHOOL PRODUCTION, COME  
ALONG!

**TUESDAY 3.15-4.30**  
**ART BLOCK**

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE  
MS BROOKES

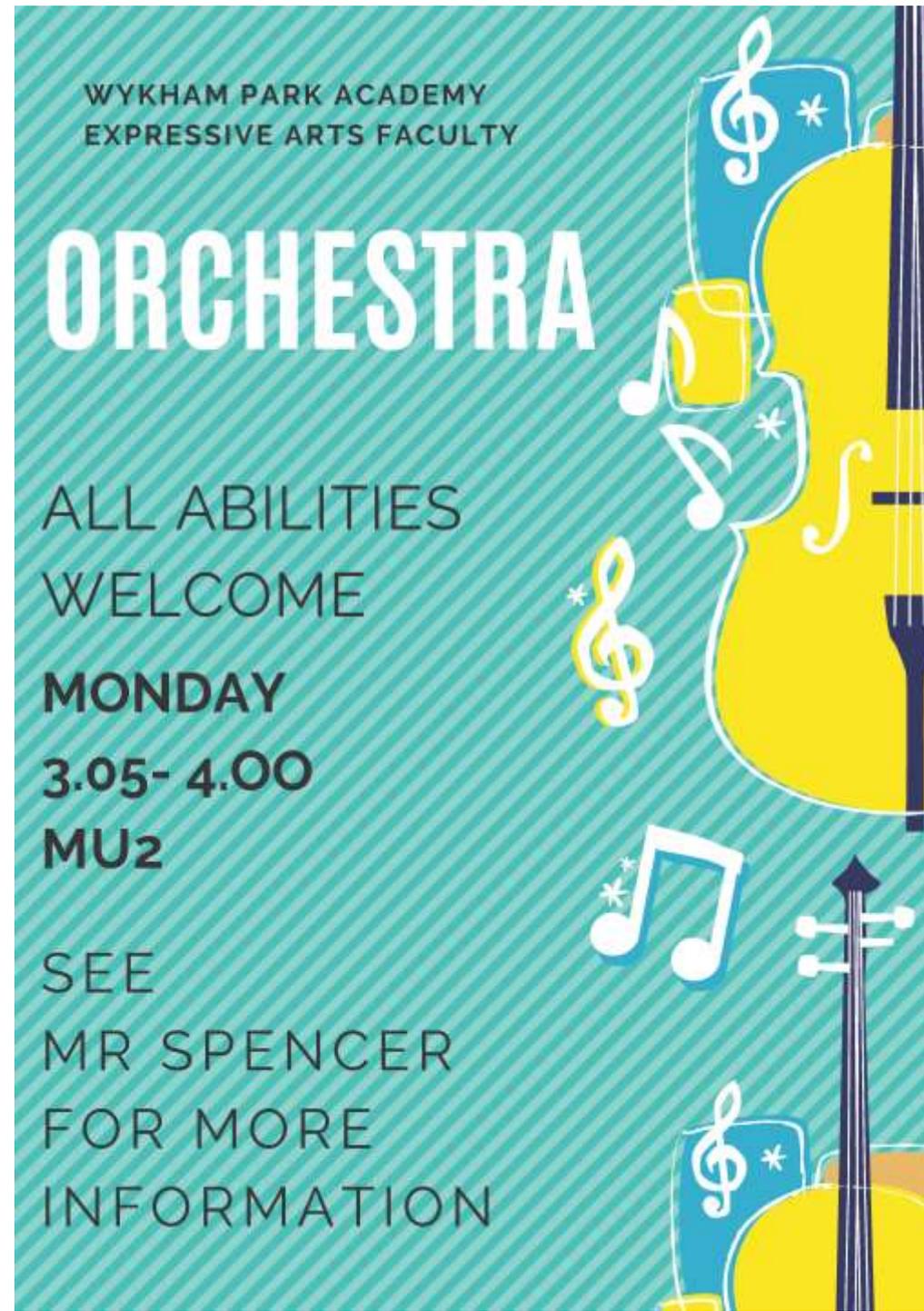


EXPRESSIVE ARTS FACULTY

# CHOIR

3.05-4.30  
THURSDAY MU2

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME  
FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE  
MS AUSTEN



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# ORCHESTRA

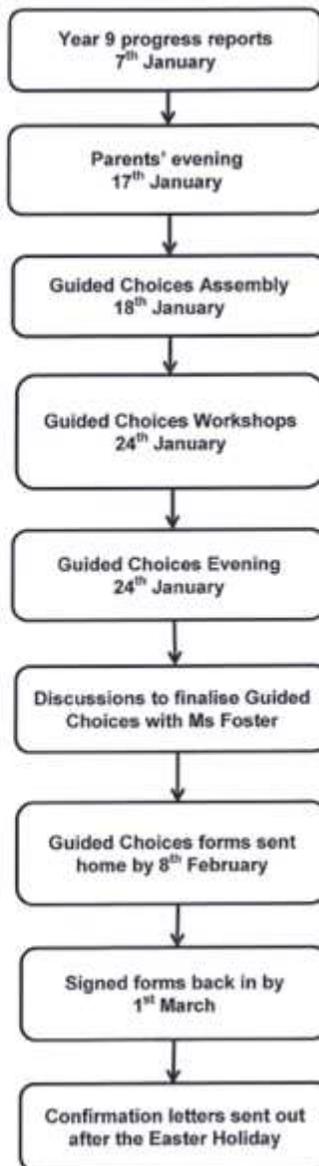
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SEE  
MR SPENCER  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

## Year 9 - Guided Choices Information

### Guided Choices Flowchart



## WYKHAM PARK ACADEMY BANBURY SKI TRIP

**WHEN IS IT?**  
Departing the UK on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, arriving back in the UK on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**WHERE TO?**  
Skiing will be in the resort of Pila, in the Aosta Valley in northern Italy, staying at the Hotel Etalle du Nord.

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**  
The total cost of the trip is £678 for skiing & £888 for snowboarding, which includes everything shown opposite.

**HOW DO I BOOK MY PLACE?**  
To book your place, please pay a £100 deposit to Mrs Taylor in Student Support no later than 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

- ✓ 6 nights half board accommodation with hot snack lunches on the mountain
- ✓ Return travel by executive coach & cross channel ferry, including breakfast in both directions
- ✓ 6 day ski/snowboard course including 4 hours tuition per day with fully qualified English speaking instructors
- ✓ Ski/snowboard and boot hire
- ✓ 6 day lift pass for Pila
- ✓ An exciting and varied après-ski programme
- ✓ Comprehensive winter sports insurance

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