



## The Weekly Word

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### A note from the Principal

This week has flown and what a brilliant week it has been. We welcomed a host of new colleagues on Monday and celebrated the best ever GCSE results for the school. All staff had two very productive training days together and we all felt extremely well prepared for the new term ahead. Then the students arrived on Wednesday: how smart and polite the new Year 7 students were and Year 11 came back with such a positive attitude towards their all important GCSE year. We have welcomed the largest Y12 into the school for years and they have hit the ground running too. We have had to deal with only a handful of uniform issues and no students were placed in Internal Exclusion on Thursday - this has never happened before. We all hope that this is a sign of positive things to come.



Please talk with your children about their homework as it has changed for all year groups for 2019-20. We are using Google Classroom now and not Show My Homework.

I hope you are one of the parents who gets a positive phone call or email over the next couple of weeks - we certainly have a lot of things to celebrate already.

## Futures Institute

The new Futures Institute Banbury (formerly Space Studio Banbury) website went live this week.

You can access the website [here](http://www.futuresbanbury.org) or visit [www.futuresbanbury.org](http://www.futuresbanbury.org)



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Dates for your diary:

- Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th September  
Year 11 mock exams, English and Maths
  - Friday 13th September - deadline for deposit for Barcelona trip
  - Monday 16th September - deadline for deposit for Paris trip
- Details for both trips are at the end of the newsletter.



[Link to calendar](#)

## Best Ever GCSE Results - Congratulations!

### Best ever GCSE results for Banbury Aspirations Campus.

Results day was a proud day for Year 11 at the Banbury Aspirations campus. Results are the best ever for the two schools. This is testament to the incredible hard work that staff and students put in over the last few years. Executive principal, Sylvia Thomas, said, "Students should be thrilled with their results at both Wykham Park Academy and Space Studio Banbury. We look forward to welcoming many of them back to our outstanding sixth form next year. I cannot thank staff enough for going above and beyond to ensure that our wonderful students gained the success they have".



There are several students whose results are notable this year. Tia C. from Wykham Park Academy got 10 GCSEs at grade 9 and 8. She is determined to work towards being a maths professor and with these grades we are certain that she will achieve her dream. At

Space Studio Banbury, James B. excelled with his 4 grade 9s and 5 grade 8s, whilst Holly B. gained six of the top grades, and aced the science papers.

We thank all parents for believing in us and supporting their children over the last few months with all of the extra study they have put in at weekends and in the evening.



## Outstanding Grades in A-level Results

Students celebrating another bumper crop of outstanding grades in A-level results.



Students at Banbury Aspirations Campus are celebrating another bumper crop of outstanding grades in their A-level results. The class of 2019, double in numbers from the previous year, clocked up more A\* grades than the campus has ever witnessed, marking yet another year of excellent academic and personal achievements for students at the school.

**Sylvia Thomas, Principal**, said, “We are very thrilled with the outstanding success of our students in the more demanding A levels. It is pleasing to witness all of our students securing the university place of their choice. Special mention goes to the twins Mary and Elizabeth with a clutch of 5 A\* and 2A between them. They are going to do a gap year volunteering first before going to St Andrew and Lancaster respectively. There is a strong performance across the board which is particularly reflected in computer science, further mathematics and mathematics. The amazing partnership between staff and students and the hard work has paid off. Credit to all staff on the campus for working tirelessly with all students to enable them to gain the successes we see today.”

With the many individual successes, Josh A. is off to the prestigious Warwick campus to study computer science on the back of his excellent grades. Although this is the first year of our new engineering course, all of the students gained either a distinction star or a distinction which is extraordinary. All students who have applied for university have got into the institution of their choice and this year we have a group who are going on to high level apprenticeships as their preferred option. We wish to thank all parents for their support over the last two years and look forward to following future achievements of their children through the next few years of their lives.

Another notable performance comes from Lewis B. who will be studying marine biology at Swansea University having achieved BBD. He said, “I am doing a course where I can build some industrial links for the future. I am definitely going to get my diving qualifications as well.”

### Yr 11 September English & Maths Mock Exams

	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>
1	9am English Lang 1hr 45	9am Maths 1hr 30			
2					
3					
4					
5	2.05pm English Lit 50mins				



## Food Preparation and Nutrition - Year 7



Year 7 have made an outstanding start to their Food Preparation and Nutrition lessons. This week we have been practicing knife skills, with students demonstrating the bridge and claw method. Their attention to detail, focus and positive attitudes to learning have been exceptional. Keep it up Year 7!

Miss McMahon.



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# Trip details



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Dear Parent/Carer,

¿Vamos a Barcelona?

We are now launching our 2020 Barcelona trip. It is open to the first 40 students to book a place to go. It will be open to students who are studying Spanish at Wykham Park Academy in Year 8, 9 and 10 from September 2019 as a priority. The cost of the trip is £510.00 which includes a £150 deposit payable by 13<sup>th</sup> September and the child's full name written as it is on their passport prior to departure. The rest of the money is to be paid in small deposits from October to June.

Trip details:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July (Aspirations Week 2020)

Flying from Luton to Barcelona with coach transfers to and from school and the hotel.

Staying half board in central Barcelona.



Trips include: Nou Camp Stadium, Barcelona FC, Gaudi's Sagrada Familia, Casa Batllo and La Herrera, Parc Guell and day trip to one of Europe's biggest theme parks, Port Aventura.

# Barcelona



Kind regards

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Teacher of Spanish and Trip Leader



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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very pleased to announce that the Foreign Languages Department is proposing to run an Educational Visit to Paris, France in July 2020. This will be a fantastic opportunity to practise the French language students have been studying, as well as to learn more about French culture.

The visit will run during the whole school's Aspiration week, leaving on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** and returning **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. We will be travelling to Paris by coach and ferry and spend 4 nights in Disneyland resort near Paris. There will be a range of cultural activities and visits organised including a visit to the Stade de France, the Eiffel Tower, the Sacré-Coeur, Le Louvre Museum, the Arc de Triomphe, shopping on the Champs Elysées, a cruise through Paris on the river Seine and a whole day at Disneyland Paris theme park. There will also be some evening activities organised.

We will be staying in half board accommodation. Breakfast and dinner will be at the hotel, which will serve a wide selection of British and continental dishes as well as vegetarian options. Students will also receive approximately £5 per day to purchase their own lunch whilst out on cultural visits. Students will be under remote supervision but will be expected to follow clear instructions and boundaries set out by the group leader and other members of staff. Students **may** need individual passports for this trip depending on the new border laws in October.

There are 50 places available for students from Wykham Park Academy in **KS4 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form** at the cost of **£490**. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this Educational Visit an initial deposit of £90 and two passport photos will need to be handed in to Student Services by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Please complete the slip below and return to Student Services along with the payment (cheques should be made payable to Wykham Park Academy). Please note that this deposit will be **nonrefundable** once the trip has been booked with the Travel Agency. Further payments will be spread across the academic year 2019-2020 with a final payment required in April 2020.

**As this Educational Visit is taking place during the whole Aspirations Week, students in year 10 will not be able to take part in Work Experience.**

In the meantime if you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school, on the above telephone number, extension 204.

Yours faithfully

Carine Foster  
Trip Leader