

# The Wymering School Newsletter



Dear Families,

This week has seen Key Stage 4 preparing for WymFest, our first whole school festival. The pupils event planned the entire project from refreshments to entertainment to music. Classes created a plan for the event, working out what features and where they would be sited across the school. The classes worked on different aspects of the project, some building a wooden bar from recycled pallets. Another class worked on the menu planning, providing us with menu tasters to see which options were the most popular. The design team produced the wristbands, back stage passes and the food and drink tokens. It was a real team effort and a great way for our pupils to learn how to work as a team, manage budgets and resources and work to deadlines!

The whole school benefitted from this social opportunity, learning how to manage within a busier environment, coping with sensory loads and interacting with peers from across the school within a structured event. Thank you to the Key Stage 4 team for your hard work and we look forward to the next event - they are already thinking about Christmas!

Sally Rogers, Headteacher

# Wymfest 2023

Our Key Stage 4 pupils started their time at Wymering by planning Wymfest so that they could get to know everyone across their phase and team build! We hope you enjoy the photos showing them preparing for the event. There are lots more photos of Facebook and we loved the festival fashion!

Key Stage 4 have had their Options Tasters where they experienced what is involved in qualification options, other than English and Maths. Pupils experience a taster of each subject and decide which option they would like to study. Local colleges and FE provision offer these subjects providing a clear pathway for pupils to pursue beyond their time at Wymering. Choices include animal care, creative design and child care. Once they have made their choices then the work towards qualifications begins!



# The Staff Team

Sally Rogers - Headteacher

Now that we have all our pupils and families at Wymering it's the ideal opportunity to introduce the staff team. As the Headteacher it is my privilege to lead the school. Opening a new school is challenging and exciting. The most important aspect is creating a culture where our pupils are held in the highest regard, valued as individuals and whom we can positively challenge and support to become confident young people with ambition and purpose. It takes time to create a school and time for our children to settle and adapt to the change of a new setting. My background has been in SEND education almost since I qualified as a teacher over twenty years ago. I have worked in autism education at a senior leadership level for the last sixteen years in London and in Portsmouth. My particular interest is in sensory integration and sensory processing, which is often an overlooked aspect of need for people with social communication differences. I know many of Wymering's families already and look forward to getting to know you all during your child's progression here at TWS.



# Events and Diary Dates.

Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

**Parents Evening will be on November 2nd from 4pm.**

**Annual Reviews for Year Yr11 and Yr 9 pupils will be held from November 1st. The admin team will contact families to arrange dates and times.**

**Monthly sessions with the community pediatrics nursing team are available to all families to discuss any physical health issues such as sleep, toileting, weight. These sessions run monthly: 19th October 9-11am, 16th November 9-11am and 13th December 1-3pm. If you would like to book a slot please email [admin@thewymeringschool.com](mailto:admin@thewymeringschool.com) for the attention of Ella Adams, Family Engagement Lead.**

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