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Dear Parents,

I hope this reaches you well and the start of term has been joyful and positive.

As you explore options for your child's senior school education, I warmly invite you to our open events that we are hosting at Wymondham College in the weeks ahead.

You may be aware that Wymondham College is the largest of the State Boarding Schools in the UK. At the heart of our campus sits a lone Nissen hut, originally constructed in 1943. It is one of several dozen that served as a hospital for American airmen, casualties of the Second World War, who with courage and sacrifice came to fight and defend the freedom we now enjoy. It was the inspiration and vision of Sir Lincoln Ralphs and fellow founders that recognised that those same huts could harness the vitality of youth and the energy of great teachers into a unique school, offering a world class education locally. Ever since, Wymondham College has been synonymous with excellence in education, with a national and international reputation for the academic, sporting and cultural successes of its students. We were delighted that OFSTED recognised this in October 2023, and they opened their summative report with the words, "At Wymondham College there is a palpable sense of aspiration." This endeavour was realised once again this summer, with GCSE and A Level outcomes placing us competitively with Independent Schools and at the very top end of our comprehensive fellows.

We measure progress at the College not only by academic attainment but also by the journey of all our students into confident, happy, resilient, curious and caring young people. Wymondham Life is the name for our extensive range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities. The programme is rich and diverse with over 70 clubs and societies running each week from our outstanding Combined Cadets Force to our Concert Band and Jazz Orchestra. Staff provide opportunities linked to curriculum subjects such as 'Young Engineers', those that support well-being such as 'Cuddly Critters' and 'Mindfulness', and alternative off-site sports such as scuba diving, horse riding and skiing. Sporting clubs, both competitive and recreational are extensive, as are opportunities to participate in drama, music and debating.

With 550 boarders coming to us from the UK, Europe and beyond, our College is an exciting and unique blend of young people for boarding students and day students alike. As a State Boarding School, boarding fees start at £5,000 per term, and these are exempt from any VAT changes arriving in January 2025. With its constant bustle of activity, its powerful heritage and its forward-facing attitude, all of our students are brilliantly prepared to serve in and shape the world of tomorrow.

As noted, we have a number of open events on the calendar.

On Friday 20 September we host a Boarder Taster Evening, an evening of immersion and information, as we invite families to spend time in one of our boarding houses, alongside current boarders and members of staff.

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On Saturday 21 September, families are welcome to attend our Open Morning, touring the College, visiting taught lessons, and hearing from key members of staff.

If you would like to attend one of these events, please scan the QR code below, where you can register and find additional information about the College.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to the College in the not-too-distant future.

Wishing you and your family a successful academic year.

With very best wishes.

Mr Dale McMorran
Head of School (Interim)

