



Mrs Carly Berry – Principal

7th June 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians of Y5 Pupils

Open Events Year 5 - for September 2025 Entry

We are excited to be able to announce a series of Open Events over the coming months where we invite you to join us to see our beautiful campus and our amazing staff and students. We took over as Principals of Wykham Park and Futures Institute early this year and there have been many positive changes that we would love to share with you as you and your child make the exciting decision about the school you will choose for the next stage of your child's education.

Two Schools: One Campus: Our campus is unique offering a choice of two schools, both providing quite different experiences for our students alongside a flourishing cross-campus sixth form.

Wykham Park: As an average sized comprehensive school of approximately 900 students, Year 7 students have a wealth of opportunity to develop their academic ability and their character across their time with us. In September 2024, we will be launching our new Year 7 Curriculum. This means that students will be taught the curriculum with fewer teachers in fewer spaces, in order to enhance the transition experience and promote a smooth, effective step into secondary education. Students will study a broad and balanced curriculum, including the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. In addition to this, they will also study a range of Humanities and practical subjects. As a thread through the curriculum, students will focus on developing a range of softer skills that enhance their development, e.g. collaborative learning and problem solving. These key power skills will lead students to become more rounded, successful and employable young adults in later years. Students will also follow a Personal Development programme and benefit from a mentor and mentor time at the start of each school day. With a wealth of school trips and clubs also on offer, we are proud of the opportunities and learning experiences we offer our Year 7 students and all of our students.

Futures Institute: In addition to welcoming Year 7s to Wykham Park Academy, we are also excited to welcome another Year 7 cohort onto our successful Futures Institute Pathway which at GCSE level has a focus on STEM, (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects. Futures Institute also has well developed links with leading local industrial partners such as Magna, Aston Martin and Collins Aerospace and the development of employability skills is a key feature of the school. Whilst these students will be on roll at Wykham Park Academy, and at Key Stage 3 follow the same curriculum, they will be taught at Futures Institute in a much smaller school environment just inside the campus grounds. There will be a limited number of places on the pathway so it is important that

you start talking to us early on and that if you decide to opt for this bespoke pathway for your child then you must explain this preference on your OCC application form in the comments section.

We are very proud that Wykham Park Academy & Futures Institute have previously been judged as "Good" by Ofsted and that we have the only "Outstanding" sixth form provision locally.

If you would like to attend an open afternoon tour of Wykham Park Academy and Futures Institute led by the Principals please email transition@wykhampark-aspirations.org or return the slip on the next page by 12pm on Friday 14th June giving your name, your child's name and year group and we will contact you over the coming weeks. We will also be holding our annual open evening for both schools on Wednesday 2nd October which you are invited to attend.

Yours faithfully



Carly Berry
Principal of Wykham Park Academy



Julia Ingham
Principal Futures Institute

Please let us know either by email: transition@wykhampark-aspirations.org or by post to Lisa Palmer, Wykham Park Academy, Ruskin Road, Banbury, OX16 9HY.

Return before Friday 14th June at 12:00.

I would like to attend with my child.

Parent's Name:

Child's Name:

Child's School: