



WYMONDHAM HIGH SIXTH FORM
OVER 31 A LEVEL & VOCATIONAL COURSES ON OFFER
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14th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer and Student

Re: Wymondham High School Sixth Form

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Sixth Form Team at Wymondham High School. I am Claire Preston, the Director of Sixth Form and I lead a fantastic team including Mr Barny Pearce (Head of Pastoral Support & University routes, and Head of Year 13), Mrs Melanie Heale (Head of Study Programmes and Progress, Employment/training routes and Head of Year 12), Mrs Sue Hogg and Mrs Amy Gill, who both support the Sixth Form with their expert administration.

Meet the Sixth Form Team:

Mrs Claire Preston-Director of Sixth Form
(Teaching & Learning across the Sixth Form, Tutorial, attendance, strategic direction of the Sixth Form)
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WYMONDHAM HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

inspiring excellence

Our vision is to develop happy and successful people who accept responsibility, demonstrate determination and act with humility

You will notice that I have included our email addresses and extension phone numbers as if you have any queries at any point about life in the Sixth Form, I would welcome you to contact us.

We have also decided that this year our **Sixth Form Admissions Launch Event** will be a virtual event on **Tuesday 13th October**. Students and parents will be able to book a place for this event and you will be able to find out lots more information about the 30 different courses we offer at A Level, discuss things with our Sixth Form team, find out about our minibus service and ask questions through a Live Webinar. To book a place on this event, please email SixthFormAdmissions@wh-at.net.

We will then continue to support students as they make their decisions. We hope to have our Applicant Evenings in January and February where we can discuss Sixth Form applications on a 1 to 1 level. We will then do a more extensive Induction Programme in the summer, to allow more time for Taster Sessions. We would normally do a 'Stepping up To A Levels' event in November but due to the current situation, we will put this back to the summer months. However to ensure students have information on the courses we offer, we will be making short videos for each subject area and sending out monthly newsletters with information about our Sixth Form.

We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form. We have a strong tradition of outstanding results. Student performance in the sciences including both traditional science courses, Computing and our social sciences such as Sociology and Economics was particularly strong. Arts also perform consistently well, with Fine Art, Music and Drama achieving impressive results. Through a specific programme of support, we regularly enable between 5-10 students to secure places at Oxbridge or to undertake medicine/veterinary medicine degrees. These results are achieved through determination from all and place us amongst the very highest performing schools in Norfolk in terms of attainment – and the top 12% of schools nationally in terms of progress. This is something about which we are very proud, but that we do not take for granted.

Our recent Ofsted report recognised these achievements and graded our Sixth Form as ‘Outstanding’. The inspectors commented that student progress has been significantly above average for the last three years; teaching in the Sixth Form is outstanding; and teachers’ extensive subject knowledge, high level of questioning and strong individual support for students has a significant impact on their progress.

The strengths of our Sixth Form lie not just in excellent grades, but in the combination of academic excellence and pastoral support offered. As the Sixth Form Team we want to create an exceptionally caring environment where the students flourish. Students commented to the Ofsted Inspectors that all staff at Wymondham High want students to be ‘well-rounded individuals with high levels of skills and vast range of experiences’, and Inspectors said ‘students are very positive about the high level of support and care that they receive from the Sixth Form team’.

We are currently updating our prospectus and I will send the link to this when available in the next few days. To apply to our Sixth Form, students need to complete an online application using this link:

<https://wymondhamhigh.applicaa.com/year12>

The deadline for applications is Friday 4th December.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Claire Preston

Director of Sixth Form

Save the Date!

The Sixth Form Team is looking forward to welcoming you to our **Sixth Form Admissions Launch Virtual Event** on **13th October 2020**. It will be a fantastic opportunity to find about the 30 different Level 3 courses we offer; meet the Sixth Form team and explore our newly designed Sixth Form areas virtually. We cannot wait to support **you and your future**.

What the Ofsted Inspectors said about our Sixth Form:

‘OUTSTANDING’

- Students’ overall progress has been significantly above average for the last three years.
- Teaching in the Sixth Form is outstanding.
- Teachers’ extensive subject knowledge, high-level questioning skills and strong individual support for students have a significant impact on their progress.
- Study programmes are highly individualised.
- Students feel very well supported to move to either education, employment or training. A student commented, ‘Staff want us to be rounded candidates and individuals.’
- Students are very positive about the high level of support and care that they receive from the Sixth Form team.

To book a place on our virtual launch please email SixthFormAdmissions@wh-at.net.
Contact the Director of Sixth Form with any queries or questions.
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