





Welcome

It is a privilege to be the next Headteacher of Wydean School and Sixth Form Centre at an exciting time in this incredible school's history. Wydean School provides the very best in terms of quality provision in the area. Our School and Post 16 Centre are equipped for exceptional C21st learning, embracing digital learning in how we study. We offer an outstanding record of academic excellence in our examination results and success together with exceptional guidance and wellbeing support from our dedicated staff.

Our ethos as a school is entirely on the development of the whole student to meet the ever changing challenges and opportunities in a globalised society. We aim to ensure that everyone is given the opportunity to develop their individual talents and aptitudes within and beyond the classroom. Outstanding Teaching and Learning is at the core of our ethos and delivered by dedicated, professional specialist teachers. Wydean School is a vibrant, caring and supportive community that equips students with the best possible preparation for their future lives. As a result our students take advantage of opportunities to study, have new experiences, develop new skills, form lasting friendships and achieve academic success and healthy wellbeing.

Wydean School and Sixth Form Centre is rightly recognised as a centre in the South West for academic high standards, aspirations and achievement. I look forward to the continuing collaborative partnership between students, staff, parents, and the community in order to support our objective of providing students with the best experience they can have during their school years at Wydean.

I welcome and invite you to look further at the success and story of Wydean School on our website and to come and visit our school.

Rob Ford
Headteacher

What We Believe

At Wydean, we believe in working with parents to help their children achieve. We put a lot of emphasis on communication with families, so that parents know exactly how their son or daughter is doing at school. Early communication can stop a small issue from becoming a big one, and can ensure that your children – our students – achieve beyond what they initially thought possible.

We also believe in working with parents to help educate the whole child. Our staff will work tirelessly to help your sons and daughters achieve the best possible exam results during their seven years with us. We will also work to ensure that your children continue to develop the characteristics and attitudes that we all want to see in them: courtesy, tolerance, respect, thoughtfulness and honesty.

Exams are a crucial part of school life, and so are the personal qualities necessary for a fulfilling adult life. At Wydean education is about all aspects of a young person's development.





Our Curriculum

Students starting at Wyedean in Year 7 will study a wide range of subjects, giving them the broadest possible foundation for choices they will make later in their school career. All students will study:

- A Modern Language (French or Spanish)
- Art
- Design Technology
- Drama
- English
- Geography
- History
- ICT
- Maths
- Music
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
- P.E.
- Religious Studies
- Science

We offer a huge choice of examination subjects for Wyedean students to study. All students will do GCSEs in English, English Literature, Maths, Science and Religious Studies. They can also do GCSEs in:

- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Child Development
- Dance
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Food and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- History
- Media Studies
- Music
- P.E.
- Product Design
- Resistant Materials
- Spanish

We also offer BTECs in Business Studies, Music Technology and Sport on site. Our students also take courses at other centres. These currently include:

- NVQ Motor Vehicles, Hair & Beauty and Construction at College Gwent, Newport
- NVQ Horse Care at Severnvalle Equestrian Centre
- BTEC Public Services at Usk College

For our post-16 options, please see our Sixth Form Centre prospectus.

Care, Guidance and Support

The quality of care, guidance and support received by Wyedean students is one of the great strengths of the school. We know that the teenage years can be a turbulent time, and our staff are prepared to guide and support students of all ages as they move through the school. Relationships at Wyedean are based on mutual respect, and our students know that there is always someone to turn to if they need anything. Our pastoral system has been praised by successive Ofsted inspections and by successive generations of parents and students; one of our students commented to an Ofsted inspector, "It's just like a giant family".

Form tutors, pastoral support assistants, schools counsellors are all on hand to ensure that Wyedean students thrive and are able to meet successfully the challenges of secondary school life. Wyedean may seem daunting to a primary school boy or girl; they will rapidly feel part of the Wyedean family after about two weeks thanks to our outstanding pastoral care.

Extra-Curricular Activities

There is much more to life at Wyedean than five lessons a day. There are many opportunities for students to get involved in all kinds of activities which enrich and extend our normal curriculum.

Wyedean has a long sporting tradition. We field successful teams in all the major sports – athletics, basketball, cricket, cross-country, football, hockey, netball and rugby. While we are always proud of individual and team achievements, we also have a genuine "Sport for All" philosophy at Wyedean, where participation, enjoyment and health-related fitness are the keys to our programme.

We have always been known for the quality of our music and drama at Wyedean. Our musical tradition extends from soloists, specialist groups and ensembles, through large choirs and orchestras to major music tours to European cities. Dramatic productions range from large-scale performances to smaller ensemble pieces. The emphasis in extra-curricular Music and Drama is on a mixture of excellence and involvement from as many students as possible.

Our students also have the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of trips and visits, organised to enrich their school experience. These include visits to the battlefields of the First World War; football, rugby and netball tours; skiing trips; and visits organised to support the curriculum.





If You Want To Join Us

We welcome applications to Wyedean from students throughout Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire.

The application process to Wyedean School for boys and girls in Year 6 is run for us by Gloucestershire County Council. They organise the 174 places that we have for students in Year 7 each year.

Parents of Year 6 students will receive an application form in the Autumn Term. If you live in Gloucestershire, this should be returned to Shire Hall, Gloucester. If you live in Monmouthshire, it should be returned to County Hall, Cwmbran; they will send any requests for places at Wyedean to Gloucester.

Details of our admissions criteria can be found on the school website.

If you wish to apply for a place at Wyedean for a boy or girl who is already at secondary school somewhere else, you should contact the school directly at headteacher@wyedean.gloucs.sch.uk.





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