

Wyedean

School and Sixth Form Centre

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Welcome to our School

“Wyedean School and Sixth form centre:
Ambitious, academic, inclusive, nurturing.”

Wyedean School and Sixth form centre is an academic, innovative and nurturing outward-facing school. We are committed to excellence in education, exceptional behaviour for learning and creating confident global citizens. We believe in a sustainable future as a local school in a global community.

At Wyedean School and Sixth form centre students and their learning come first. At the heart of every decision we make, is the question, “How can we be even better for our community”.

Our vision at Wyedean School and Sixth form centre is that every child should leave us with:

- a clear aspiration and ambition for future success
- secure knowledge and qualifications to compete with the best
- literacy, numeracy and digital skills that will support life-long learning
- personal strategies to be responsive and resilient in the face of change
- the capacity to be active citizens and change makers in their community
- an emotional intelligence that values tolerance, compassion and a global outlook

At our school, we talk about “The Wyedean Way”. This simple phrase embodies our school values of nurturing young people to be caring, principled, reflective, inquisitive and creative critical thinkers.

Welcome from our Principal: Gwennan Jeremiah

Wyedean School and Sixth form centre is an 11-18 school which provides every child with the very best opportunities to grow both academically and personally. Our school and sixth form centre are equipped for exceptional learning and our teachers are enthusiastic, experienced and know how to get the best out of our young people. This provision is underpinned by a broad and exciting curriculum offer. We offer an excellent record of academic excellence in our examination results, together with exceptional guidance and well-being support.

Our ethos as a school is based on the development of the whole student to meet the ever-changing challenges and opportunities of society in the twenty-first century. At Wyedean, everyone has the opportunity to develop their individual talents and aptitudes within and beyond the classroom. Research-informed, aspirational teaching and learning is at the core of our offer and it is delivered by experienced, dedicated,

professional, specialist teachers. Our students deservedly expect the highest quality of education and we meet this expectation time and again.

Wyedean School and Sixth form centre is rightly recognised as a centre in the South West for academic high standards, aspirations and achievement. We have a strong collaborative relationship where students, staff, parents, and the community have an integral role to play in supporting our students to achieve their potential.

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Main Reception



Fantastic opportunities for Student Leadership

In keeping with the “Wyedean Way”, we recognise the importance of student leadership opportunities. Becoming a Student Leader develops a young person’s confidence and helps them to become informed and reflective. Making a positive difference to the experiences of others is a noble pursuit and one which is celebrated at Wyedean.

Effective student voice also enables Leadership decisions to be student-centred. For this reason, our Student Leaders are integral to our self-evaluation and priority setting each academic year.

Student leadership opportunities at Wyedean are many:

- The School Council
- The Sixth form committee
- Learning Area and Subject Ambassadors
- Peer Mentoring
- Sports Captains
- Sports Leaders
- Extra-curricular club Leaders and Ambassadors
- Digital Leaders

A message from our Student Leaders,

“Wyedean is so special to us because of the trust and independence given to students. This is shown in the leadership opportunities such as the student lead council and the ambassador schemes. We also feel that Wyedean rightfully places a lot of emphasis on public speaking, providing many opportunities to all students to improve this vital skill. Qualities such as empathy and listening to each other is a valued skill here at Wyedean and is promoted through mentoring where the older students act as support for the younger ones. This is an amazing school that inspires us to be our best selves!”



The very best research-informed Teaching and Learning strategies

At Wyedean, we work consistently on honing our expertise in the key principles of teaching and learning. These key principles of teaching and learning include:

Effective lesson planning: We plan for what we want our students to think hard about as 'learning is the residue of thought' (Willingham, 2007). This builds lasting learning and increases impact;

Modelling good work to minimise the ambiguity around an outcome: this helps students see what outcomes could and should look like. Modelling outcomes allows students to engage and succeed (Lemov, 2012);

Connected to the principle of modelling, scaffolding (Rosenshine, 2012) can take many forms but can be thought of as anything that lessens the cognitive burden of the task.

Effective questioning: Questions that probe for deeper meaning foster critical thinking skills, as well as higher-order capabilities such as problem-solving (Paramore, 2017);

Effective explanations: These include combining a verbal explanation with a relevant graphical representation of the same concept or process, and using concrete representation of abstract ideas (Wittwer and Renkl, 2010);

Effective use of feedback: Feedback on assessments and addressing misconceptions enables students to make good progress (Hattie & Timperley, 2007; Education Endowment Foundation, 2018).

Finally, at Wyedean, we believe in the potential of all our students. We create a positive environment where making mistakes and learning from them and the need for effort and perseverance are part of the daily routine. We pride ourselves on our secure subject knowledge, which helps us to motivate students and teach effectively.







We pride ourselves on our extra and super-curricular offer

Students who attend Wyedean School and Sixth form centre are entitled to a curriculum which reaches beyond the confines of the classroom. We understand that enriching experiences are essential to personal development. We also recognise that visiting lecturers, trips to museums and industry links can be the additional spark that is needed to ignite a learner's passion for a subject.

Every child who attends our school will benefit from the opportunity of securing their own Cultural Capital Passport. We have thought carefully about experiences that every child should have as part of their secondary education. As our students progress through school they will assemble a wealth of experiences each wisely curated to enhance their learning.

We are continually updating and adding to our extra and super curricular offer but students at Wyedean can expect access to:

- A wide range of subject specific visits throughout the academic year
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze, Silver and Gold)
- STEAM competitions and events
- Cyber Club
- Various music clubs including our locally renowned Gospel Choir
- Our annual school Performing Arts Production
- Sporting events and fixtures

These experiences develop new skills and help our young people to become resilient and flexible and of course form lasting friendships, support academic success and healthy well-being.



Stretch and challenge for all from year 7 to year 13

We want our students to aim high. When you choose Wyedean School and Sixth form centre, you choose a school which will support your child at the start of their secondary journey through to completing A levels at 18. Whether your child is focused on a vocational route or wishes to attend Oxbridge we will facilitate their learning to achieve their dreams.

We recognise that all students have something to offer: we support them to achieve their full potential at every point. Early career guidance and active links to industry enables students to experience opportunities in the workplace. Work experience, in both year 10 and 12, supports our students to crystalize their thinking and be aspirational.

Stretch and challenge is entrenched in our “quality first” teaching; entwined in our relationships between staff and students, and inextricably linked to our high expectations and belief in each student. We teach to the top, offer all opportunities to every student, and expect the best from everyone, students and staff included. At Wyedean, we strive for a culture where hard work, self-determination and progress is worth celebrating.

Our focus is not on simply getting the best grade, but on getting the best education for Wyedean students, and on creating a lifelong passion for learning.





Wyedean School and Sixth form centre: An 11-18 school for ambitious families

“A school that cares, a school that is ambitious, a school that accepts nothing but the best”

At Wyedean School and Sixth form centre, we pride ourselves on our excellent communication and strong relationships with our families.

To find out more about our journey, please visit our website or follow us on Twitter or Facebook.

Every day is an Open Day at Wyedean. If you would like to visit for a school tour or would like to speak to our Leadership Team, please drop us an email or give us a call.

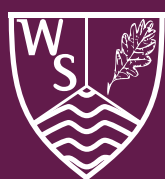
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