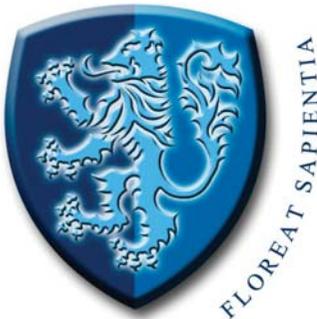
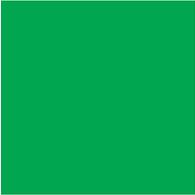
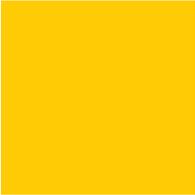
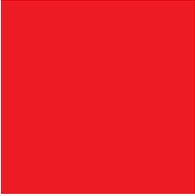


Wymondham College



PROSPECTUS





THE JOURNEY STARTS HERE >



> Wymondham College is a unique state day and boarding school offering an educational experience unlike any other. Our students come from a wide range of backgrounds in the UK and overseas and achieve outstanding academic success.

In fact we are consistently one of the most successful state schools in the country and enjoy a national reputation for academic excellence. We are one of the country's largest boarding schools but we are also an inclusive and caring community with a concern for the individual that belies our size and a philosophy that prizes the education of the whole person above our success in league tables.

When our students join the College they are embarking on a journey of discovery which we hope will enable them to become happy, successful and useful citizens, to aim for excellence in all they do and to find fulfilment in life.

The best way to understand Wymondham College is to come and see for yourself. Meeting some of our staff and students and touring the site will help you to gain a sense of the unique experience that is on offer here. We look forward to welcoming you.

Melvyn Roffe BA FRSA
Principal





A UNIQUELY SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY >



> Wymondham College is set in 80 acres of parkland in the heart of the Norfolk countryside yet is easily accessible by car and train from London and most other parts of the country.

Students come to us with a wide range of skills, talents and enthusiasms - many of which they don't yet know about. The College's curriculum and extra-curricular programme is designed to give students every opportunity to develop their creativity, refine their skills and express their own unique view of the world around them.



The College is a non-denominational Christian Foundation School with its own Chapel and Chaplain. A broad Christian ethos is fostered in all aspects of the work of the College.



Education at Wymondham College is free to all students. Parents of boarders pay a boarding fee which, compared to boarding schools in the independent sector, represents extraordinary value for money.

> ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Admission to Wymondham College is available to all those with UK or EU/EEA nationality or other legitimate residential status in the UK. There are no other qualifications for admission and no tests to take (other than for some specialist places in Sport and Music and Boarding Scholarships in the Sixth Form). Places are available for boarders and day students in Year 7 (11+) and Year 12 (16+) and sometimes for boarders in Years 8, 9 and 10.

For full information on admissions see the Wymondham College Admissions Policy, Procedure and Guidance, which can be downloaded along with other information from our website.



THE CORE OF COLLEGE LIFE >



> The academic curriculum is the core around which life at Wymondham College is built. Teaching is rigorous but incorporates lively and innovative approaches to engage students' interest and enable them to make rapid progress towards challenging targets. The College has specialisms in Technology (including Mathematics and Science) and Languages and these disciplines permeate the learning of all students. Students are helped to learn how to learn and are encouraged to develop greater responsibility for their own work as they progress through the College. But support from teachers and tutors is always at hand - including through the evening in the boarding houses.



> GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

In addition to being a Language College, the British Council has designated Wymondham College as an International School. We are developing a network of partner schools in New Zealand, Germany, the Czech Republic, Africa, China and the United States to enrich our students' learning and experience in many ways. Students from the College often represent the United Kingdom at sessions of the Model European Parliament, debating important issues of policy and principle with their peers from all over the continent.

> TECHNOLOGY

The College was one of the first in the country to be funded as a Technology College. The futuristic Technology Block lies near the centre of the campus and hosts accommodation for Resistant Materials, Graphics, Information and Communication Technology, Food, Multi Media, Fine Art and Textiles. Sixth Formers benefit from participation in schemes such as Engineering in Education which has teamed students with engineers from Lotus Cars. Younger students enjoy taking part in the annual Technology Day which enables them to develop an understanding of the impact which technology makes on their lives.

> GIFTED, TALENTED AND SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT

The College supports the achievement of all its students. We have many students who are academically gifted or who have a particular talent such as music or sport. These gifted and talented students are supported by the Co-ordinator for Gifted and Talented Students (CoGiTaS) whose role is to ensure that they can reach their full potential in all areas. As the College is not academically selective in its intake, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) leads a dedicated and highly effective team which provides the specialist assistance needed by students with special educational needs.



IT'S ABOUT LIFE NOT JUST GRADES >



> Most students at Wymondham College exceed expectations in their examination performance, but the real success of their education is not measured by the grades they gain, but in the lives that they lead - whilst at the College and when they have left it. That's why we say that education is not just about grades - it's about life.



> ACTIVITIES

The College activities programme provides a full range of sporting, cultural and social opportunities after the College day, at weekends and in the holidays.

There is a full fixture list in the College's main sports: rugby, football and cricket for boys and hockey, netball and rounders for girls. There are opportunities in other sports such as athletics, swimming, basketball, tennis and five-a-side football.



Music is central to the experience of many students at the College. There is a wide range of choirs and musical ensembles and an ambitious programme of concerts throughout the year. The Inter House Music Competition for the Mair Cup is one of the highlights of the College year.

Students participate in regular drama productions. Some of these, such as the recent production of "We Will Rock You", are on a lavish scale. On the other hand, an annual competition provides an opportunity for younger students to explore the works of Shakespeare.

The College's own student radio station, Radio WYM, enables students to experience the exciting challenges of real broadcasting. Budding journalists write for the College Magazine and "Outline", the student run online publication.

Students, especially those in the Sixth Form, have many opportunities to widen their understanding of the world by hearing interesting and challenging speakers. The Lincoln Lecture, inaugurated to mark the extension of Lincoln Hall and the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln in 2009, provides an annual opportunity for students to hear a lecturer of international renown.

The College has a strong tradition of participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the College's volunteer Combined Cadet Force provides excellent opportunities for Army and Royal Air Force cadets.

The College has a close relationship with a local special school with our students providing practical assistance in classes on a regular basis. Our long standing paired reading scheme encourages Sixth Form students to assist the learning of younger pupils within the College itself.

Holiday activities include ski trips and sailing holidays as well as more adventurous expeditions to destinations such as Namibia and Guatemala.



AN ENRICHING WAY TO GROW UP >



> Boarding defines the Wymondham College experience. Living at school with your friends is an exciting and enriching way of growing up. You learn a lot about yourself and other people, you learn how to live and work with others and how to be part of a community. You learn to support other people when they need it, just as you will be supported by staff and other students if you need their support.



And the benefits of a boarding ethos are not just there for the boarders. All our students can enjoy an extended day at the College and live as part of a busy, lively and purposeful community. Day students share the communal spaces of boarding houses with boarders. Day boarders, can take all meals in College and also stay to do supervised prep in the boarding house.



> MAIN SCHOOL BOARDING

All Year 7 students begin in Peel Hall. Most of our Year 7 boarders are new to boarding and so Peel Hall provides what amounts to an induction year before students progress to their main school house. Cavell Hall, Fry Hall, Kett Hall and New Hall are all main school houses for Years 8 - 11 and enable staff to focus on the needs of students through to when they take their GCSE examinations.

All the College boarding houses are mixed with girls and boys having sleeping accommodation on separate self contained corridors but sharing social and communal spaces. Boarding houses are staffed by a resident Head of House and Deputy Head of House, two resident boarding tutors and duty matrons.

> SIXTH FORM BOARDING

Lincoln Hall was greatly extended in 2008 to provide accommodation for all Year 12 and Year 13 students. The new Ralphs Building provides first class en-suite accommodation for all Year 13 boarders. Year 12 students are accommodated in the original Lincoln Hall which has been remodelled over the years to provide comfortable single and twin bed accommodation with shared facilities.



THE FUTURE AWAITS YOU >



> The Sixth Form at Wymondham College provides everything you need to take you on to the next stage of your life whilst giving you the opportunity to make a real difference to the College community.

Based in the newly extended Lincoln Sixth Form Centre, all Sixth Formers enjoy an environment which is more akin to a university college than a school sixth form but which is underpinned by Wymondham College's traditional standards, sense of community and care for the individual.



> **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Students throughout the College are expected to show responsibility, self reliance and leadership. This is especially true in the Sixth Form where there is a great deal of emphasis on developing students' leadership potential. The Principal's Council is an elected body of senior students which works alongside the Student Council and House Councils to represent the student voice in the College. In Lincoln Hall, the Junior Common Room Committee is the focus for student social activities.



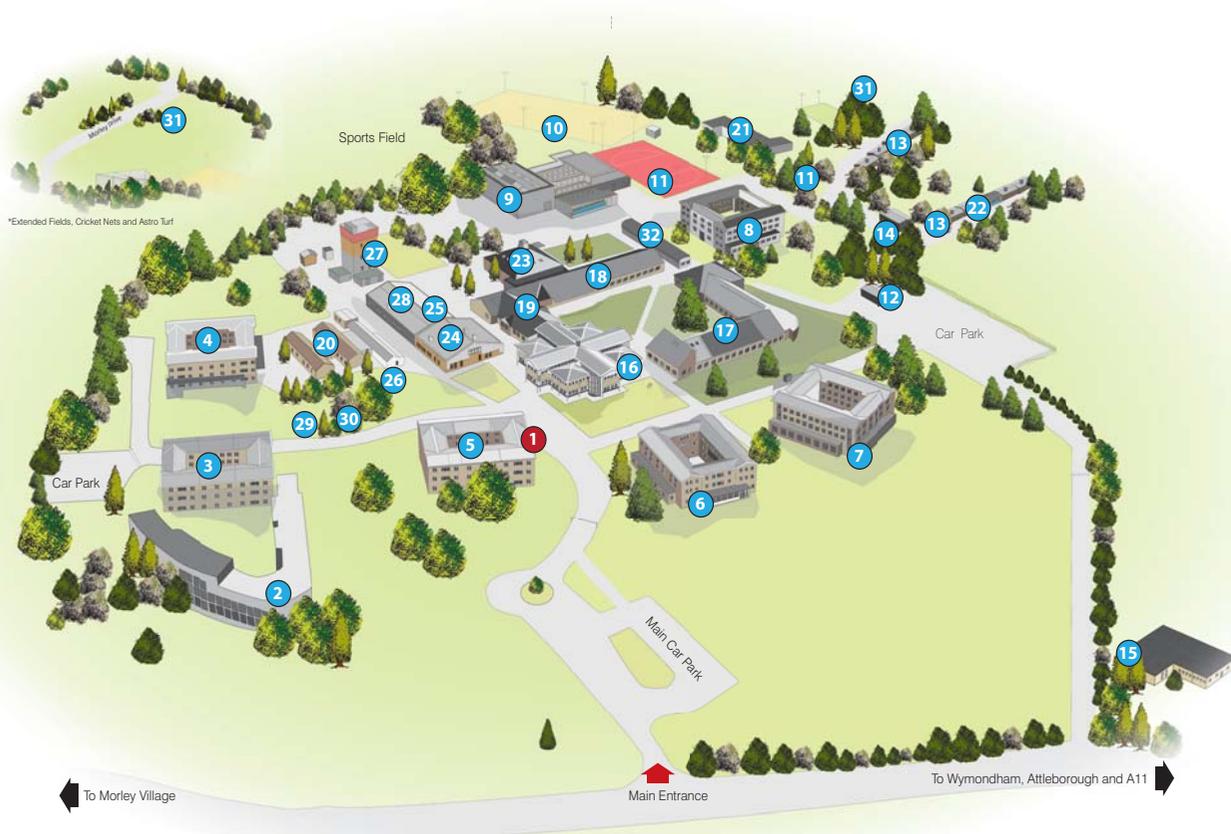
A system of Peer Mentors helps to ensure that students can find the support they need if they find themselves in difficulty and the student Drugs Education Group is a highly effective way of ensuring that students are helped to understand the risks of drug abuse. A student led Green Group is working to ensure that the College meets its environmental responsibilities.

In addition, each department has a number of student subject leaders who help staff to develop departmental activities and act as a point of contact for students who may need additional guidance with their studies.

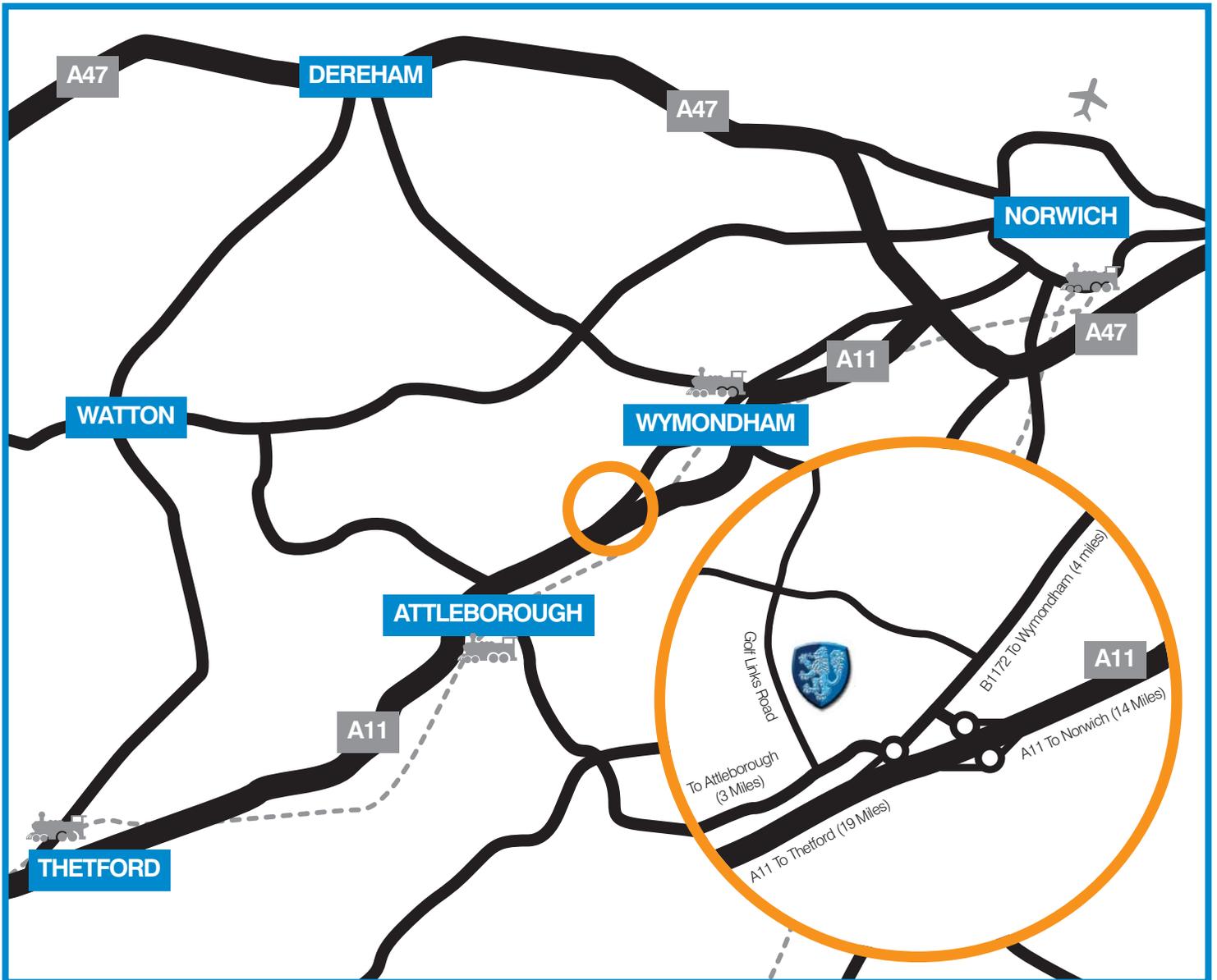
> **MOVING ON**

The College has an exceptionally experienced and effective team of advisors to help students decide on their options for higher education and work. Most students progress to university, typically gaining admission to the universities of their choice.

GETTING AROUND THE COLLEGE >



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| 1 Reception | 12 Combined Cadet Force Hut | 23 Library |
| 2 Lincoln Sixth Form Centre - Ralphs Building | 13 Staff Houses | 24 Administration Block |
| 3 Lincoln Sixth Form Centre - Lincoln Hall | 14 The Brick | 25 Refectory |
| 4 Kett Hall | 15 Tom Eaton Centre | 26 Maintenance/Caretakers |
| 5 Peel Hall | 16 Technology & Art | 27 Water Tower/Wymondham College Radio |
| 6 Fry Hall | 17 Humanities & Drama Block | 28 PSA Shop |
| 7 Cavell Hall | 18 Maths Block | 29 Memorial Garden |
| 8 New Hall | 19 Science Block | 30 Pond |
| 9 Sports Centre & Swimming Pool | 20 Modern Foreign Languages Block | 31 Pavilion |
| 10 Astro Turf | 21 Music Block | 32 Chapel |
| 11 Tennis Courts | 22 Medical Centre | |



Wymondham College is close to major roads and rail routes. Norwich International Airport offers connections via Paris or Amsterdam to a full range of international destinations. London Stansted Airport with low cost direct flights to locations across the UK and Europe is easily accessible by road or rail.

-  RAIL LINKS
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