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Wye Free School

- A group of parents and local people living in Wye decided that it should have a secondary school.
- They petitioned the government to let them set up a Free School.
- They asked United Learning, a charity that runs the private Ashford School to help them.
- In 2013 Wye Free School was opened in the old Library of Wye College.
- The first 90 Year 7s started and went on to graduate as our founding Class of 2018.
- All the facilities were completed in 2019 with a new building built and sports facilities added.



Vision

- A smaller than average school that has strong relationships and happy students- currently 90 in each uniformed year but moving to 120. This in practice means more teacher-student individual interaction.
- Outward facing, using the best of United Learning's experience in private and state schools across England.
- Students making excellent academic progress, but we are not an exam factory.

Academic success 2018 onwards

- **Progress 8 scores** of + 0.3 2018, +0.33 in 2019, +0.45 2022, +0.15 in 2023, **+0.35 in 2024**. This is significantly higher than any local non-selective school and two of the three local grammar schools over time, and higher than 9 Kent grammars in 2024.
- 73% got grade 4+, the equivalent of the old C grade, in English and Maths in 2024, compared to the national average of 67.1%
- 48% got grade 5+ in English & Maths in 2024, compared to the national average of 47.5% .
- 100% of our students who sat the three sciences, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, got grade 4 or higher.



Logistics

- School day is 8:35-3:30
- 5 lessons a day, 60 mins each
- 20 min morning break
- 60 min lunch (with clubs offered)
- Students can be on site from 7 and until 4:30
- Dedicated buses cover most of Ashford, the train comes from Ashford and Canterbury, and parents have a small car park.

Artists visit the Prime Minister

- An example of our wider co-curricular offer including clubs and sport at lunch and after school, DoE, CCF.



Careers and post-16

- We are an 11-16 school, we work hard during Years 7-11 to run a strong careers programme and to invite in the local grammar schools, 6th forms and colleges to show our students what their choices for Post 16 study are once they complete their GCSEs with us.
- Each student has an individual careers and post 16 choices interview and help to apply.
- Our students move on to a range of offers but the biggest are Norton Knatchbull 6th Form, Highworth 6th Form, Towers 6th Form, Ashford College, Canterbury Academy 6th Form and Canterbury College.

FAQs

- **Do you have SEN?**

Yes, we have a SENCO and do well with SEN students. But we are small and don't have an SEN unit or Inclusion unit, if your child has needed those at primary, best to talk to us.

- **Do you set homework, detentions?**

Yes, we are a traditional style school, homework will be set, detentions given if needed.

- **Are you strict?**

We are warm and friendly, but, we expect good behaviour. We expect parents to support us in expecting good behaviour.

- **Do you have sets?**

Yes for Maths, English and Science.

- **Do you have a grammar stream?**

No, as not all students make the same progress in everything so we allow you to be in the right set for each of the three subjects based on how you are doing.

- **What languages do you offer?**

As a small school, we offer Spanish.



Next steps

- Have a look around on our tour today and get a feel for the school.
- Apply via the council in the normal way- think carefully about ranking (1st choice has a good chance of getting in).
- We are generally oversubscribed but since Chilmington Green opened and there are 180 United Learning places available in South Ashford, you have a better chance of getting into Wye now, and this has opened us up more to the villages in the Downs and Canterbury side.
- There will be an induction day in June and individual tours for vulnerable students before that.
- The first day in September will be for Year 7 only giving a chance to get used to the school and buses before they are full.
- Good luck with your choices.

Academic, Passionate, Friendly

Wye School

- Academically challenging
- Passionate about learning and developing the wider person
- Friendly, warm relationships

Luke Magee

Principal

The Wye School Way

Ambition

We set high expectations for ourselves, always striving to improve and reach our full potential. We embrace challenges and take ownership of our learning, aiming for excellence in all that we do.

Determination

We persevere in the face of setbacks, showing resilience and a strong work ethic. We support one another and never give up on our goals, knowing that success comes through effort and persistence.

Respect

We treat ourselves and others with kindness, fairness, and integrity. We celebrate diversity, listen with empathy, and take pride in our school and wider community.







Our House names were chosen by our students. They represent significant geographical and/or historical references to the school's surroundings.

The Wye **Crown** sits on the North Downs overlooking the school. The Crown was created to celebrate the Coronation of King Edwards VII in 1902.

In the valley below lies the River **Stour**, which runs through the village of Wye, on to Canterbury, and out into the North Sea. It's floodplains feed much of the fertile agricultural land around Wye.

Olantigh House is a historical house built along the River Stour. It was home to the **Kempe** family for generations, with notable Kempes residing there, including Sheriffs of Kent and an Archbishop of Canterbury.

