



# Welcome to the Sixth Form Open Evening





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**Introduction  
and  
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# Welcome Potential Sixth Formers

Academic,  
Passionate,  
Friendly

“Wye School sets out to be academically challenging and we hope to share our passion for life-long learning with our students. Wye School is a friendly place and pride ourselves on developing strong relationships with all of our students. At the same time we appreciate the value of developing balanced scholars, who are prepared to take their place in an ever more global and changing society”.

Luke Magee - Principal



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Wye  
School





# How did Wye School begin?

In 2011, a group of parents and members of the Wye community identified a need and strong demand for high-quality school places in the Ashford area. Together with United Learning, an organisation with an outstanding record for excellence in education going back 130 years, the Wye Free School Group submitted a successful bid to the Department for Education to open a Secondary Free School in Wye.

After a great deal of hard work and many anxious moments, the school opened in September 2013 with its first 90 students.

In January 2019, the story began a new chapter as all the temporary buildings disappeared one by one and students and staff were able, at last, to move into the beautiful new building.







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# Academic: 2018 GCSE results

- our students achieved a P8 score of + 0.3, which was significantly higher than any other local non-selective school and higher than two of the three local grammar schools
- 81% got grade 4+ in English, the equivalent of the old C grade
- 76% grade 4+ in Maths
- 76% of our Year 11s sat the academic EBACC GCSE subjects Maths, English, Science, a humanity and a language, compared to a national average of 38%
- 100% of our students who sat the three sciences, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, got grade 4 or higher





# GCSE Success – 4 years running...

## Progress 8 score ?

Of the 86 pupils at the end of key stage 4 in this school, 77 are included in this measure.

**Above average** 0.33

[More score details ?](#)

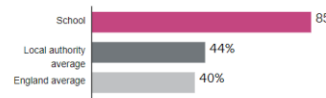
## Staying in education or entering employment ?

There is no data available for this school or college for this measure. This is for the following reason: --

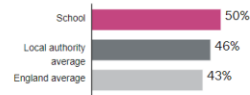
## Attainment 8 score ?



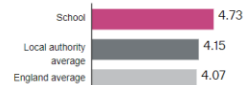
## Entering EBacc ?



## Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs



## EBacc average point score ?



## Second year of GCSE success for Wye School

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Celebrations are underway at Wye School after its second set of GCSE students secure very strong results.

These showed that this year 72% of students achieved five or more good passes (grade 4 or above) including English and maths – an increase on last year.

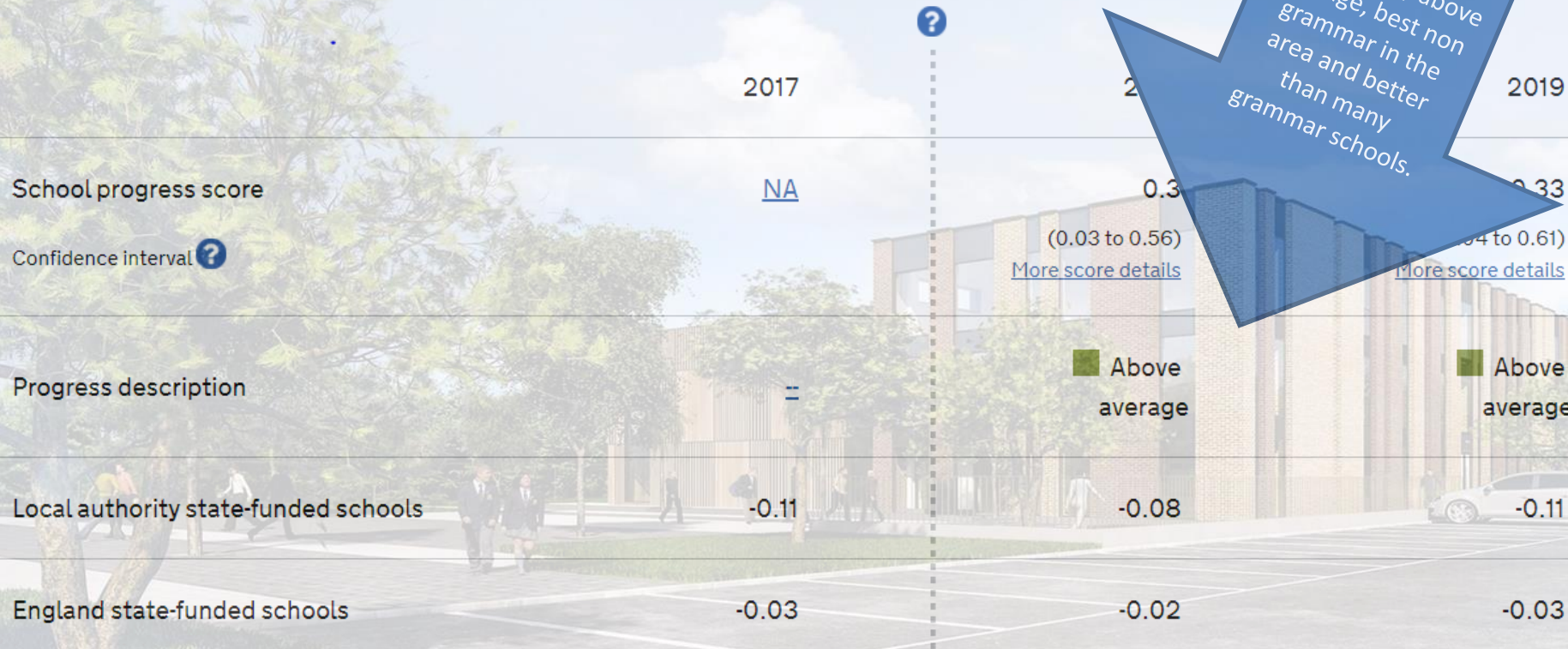
On the government's Basics measure, which represents the combined English and maths score, the school also saw improvements. 78% of students achieved at least a pass (grade 4 or above) in both English and maths. Half of all students (49%) also achieved the higher level pass of grade 5 or above in both subjects.

Notable individual successes include:

- Sophie Wildman, who achieved two 9s in Geography and English Literature, three 8s, three 7s and two 6s;
- India Niles, who achieved two 9s in Maths and Chemistry, three 8s, one 7, one 6, one 5 and two 4s;
- Amelia Pullen, who achieved two 9s in English Language and English Literature, three 7s, four 6s and one 5;
- Nathan Stacey, who achieved three 8s in Physics, Maths and Chemistry, three 7s, two 6s, one 5 and one 4;
- Joel Dawkins, who achieved four 8s in Maths, Chemistry, Biology and Sport, two 7s, one 6, two 5s and one 4.



# GCSE Success



Significantly above average, best non grammar in the area and better than many grammar schools.





# A' Level Success 2020

However for many, today was a day of celebration, including at **Wye School** which had its very first batch of A Level results, having opened seven years ago.

The secondary was celebrating today as 93% of the students who applied will be starting courses at their first-choice universities, with 50% destined for Russell Group institutions.



Josh Bate, one of Wye School's first leavers, will be reading international relations at the University of Leeds

Principal Luke Magee said: "It is a very proud moment as a head teacher to see your first ever cohort taking their next steps towards successful adult lives, with the vast majority securing their first-choice university and at some of the country's best institutions.

"Whilst it is of course sad to say goodbye to our establishing cohort, we hope our 2020 leavers will look back with pride at how they have coped during these unusual and challenging circumstances and be happy with how they have supported one another through it.

"As our Sixth Form continues to grow, we very much look forward to welcoming our younger year groups safely back next month and continuing our focus on high academic standards and delivering an education with character."



Finlay Smith will be leaving Wye School for the University of Exeter to study geography



# A' Level Success 2021

## WYE SCHOOL MARKS UNIVERSITY SUCCESS AS STUDENTS RECEIVE A LEVELS

~ Sixth Formers' hard work pays off as they take up places at King's College, Leeds and Manchester amongst others~

Sixth Formers at Wye School are set to take up places at some of the UK's top universities, as they receive their A Level grades today.

This year, A Levels were awarded following Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) due to the cancellation of external examinations. At Wye School, students sat in-class exams and completed coursework as part of this assessment process.



Among those celebrating at Wye School were:

- Sophie Wildman, who received As in Chemistry, Maths and Spanish, and will be taking up a place at Manchester University to study Chemistry;
- Anais Bouchat, who received As in English Literature, History and Maths, and has secured a place at Leeds University to study Law;
- Amelia Pullen, who received an A\* in English Literature, an A in Biology and a B in Chemistry, and will be going to King's College to study Pharmacy;
- Abi Holroyde, who received an A\* in Art, an A in English Language and a B in English Literature, and will be taking up a place at Kent University to study Architecture;
- Lara Norris, who received an A\* in Politics, an A in English Language and a B in Geography, and will be going to Sussex University this autumn to study Politics.

80% of students got into their first choice university, including Russell Group universities such as Cardiff, Newcastle, King's College London, Leeds, Manchester and Nottingham.



Wye School pupils Edward Cox and Charlotte Town celebrate achieving places at AECC Bournemouth to study radiography and Royal Holloway to study literature





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# A vision realised:

- ✓ An 11-18 secondary school with strong relationships and excellent student outcomes
- ✓ a restricted maximum of only 150 student places in Years 12 and 13
- ✓ Excellent careers advice and support for applications to top flight Universities including Oxford and Cambridge
- ✓ Small 6th form classes enabling more teacher - student individual support
- ✓ Teaching based on effective classroom practice but also benefitting from 'tutorials' and 'lecture' style delivery where appropriate for our mature cohort
- ✓ An approach that builds the person as well as provides exam support



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# United Learning

- All the benefits of a small school but with BIG school expertise under a very successful academy chain.*
- United learning has 91 schools and over 55,000 students. Even though at Wye you will be taught in small classes you will have access to resources perfected by, and advice directly from, a large number of specialist teachers.*
- Under United Learning's auspices Wye School must excel in termly inspections and show immediate impact and progress. We are always analysing who we are and what we do and making changes to benefit the young people that we work with. As a result we are one of the most successful schools in Kent.*









ART

BIOLOGY

CHEMISTRY

DRAMA

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SOCIOLOGY

ENGLISH LITERATURE

PSYCHOLOGY

GEOGRAPHY

POLITICS

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

PHYSICS

HISTORY

MATHS

FURTHER MATHS

PHOTOGRAPHY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION





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# Our offer – your choice:

<u>A Level Subject</u>	<u>minimum GCSE</u>
Art	6
Biology	6 or 6-6 (& 6 in Maths)
Chemistry	6 or 6-6 (& 6 in Maths)
Drama	6 in Drama (& Eng Lit)
English Lit	6 in Eng Lit or Lang
English Lang	6 in Eng Lit or Lang
Geography	6 in Geo (& 6 in Eng – don't need Geo GCSE)
Health & Social Care	4-4 in Sci (& 5 in Eng)
History	6 (& 6 in Eng – don't need Hist GCSE)

Mathematics	6
Further Mathematics	7/8
Philosophy	5 in RS (or 5 in Eng)
Photography	6 in Art or Photo
Physical Education	6 or BTEC merit (& 6 or 6-6 in Science)
Physics	6 or 6-6 (& 6 in Maths)
Politics	6 in Eng & Maths
Psychology	6 in Eng (& 6 in Maths)
Sociology	5 in Eng



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# Only 150 need apply:

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Psychology	6 in Eng (& 6 in Maths)
Sociology	5 in Eng





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# Academic:

- ✓ a full academic A Level curriculum, with a single Level 3 BTEC
- ✓ English and Maths GCSE resits if needed
- ✓ the aim for every 6th former to be able to go to a good university (if this is the route they choose)
- ✓ Or – to gain successful apprenticeships or careers.
- ✓ one-to one careers interviews with a careers adviser

This is what our Sixth Form offers, you must make your choices

In October 2020, 93% of students who applied were offered a place at their first choice university and 53% went to a Russell group university.

In 2021, 95% of our students applied to university, 77% went to their first choices.

# Our first Sixth Form Leavers 2020

Russell Group **shown in red**



Edinburgh

Edinburgh: Denya, Linguistics & English

Durham

Durham: Eva, History  
Mark, Geography

Leeds

Leeds: Josh, International Relations

Nottingham Trent

Nottingham Trent: Seren, Design for Stage & Screen

Harper  
Adams

Harper Adams: Lizzie, Veterinary  
Physiotherapy

South Bank, London

South Bank: Jacob, Architecture

University of Kent &  
Canterbury Christchurch

Kent: Megan, Mathematics  
Jacob, Biomedical Science

Canterbury Christchurch: Amber, Sociology  
Maggie, Film, Radio & TV  
Phoebe, Social Care

Exeter

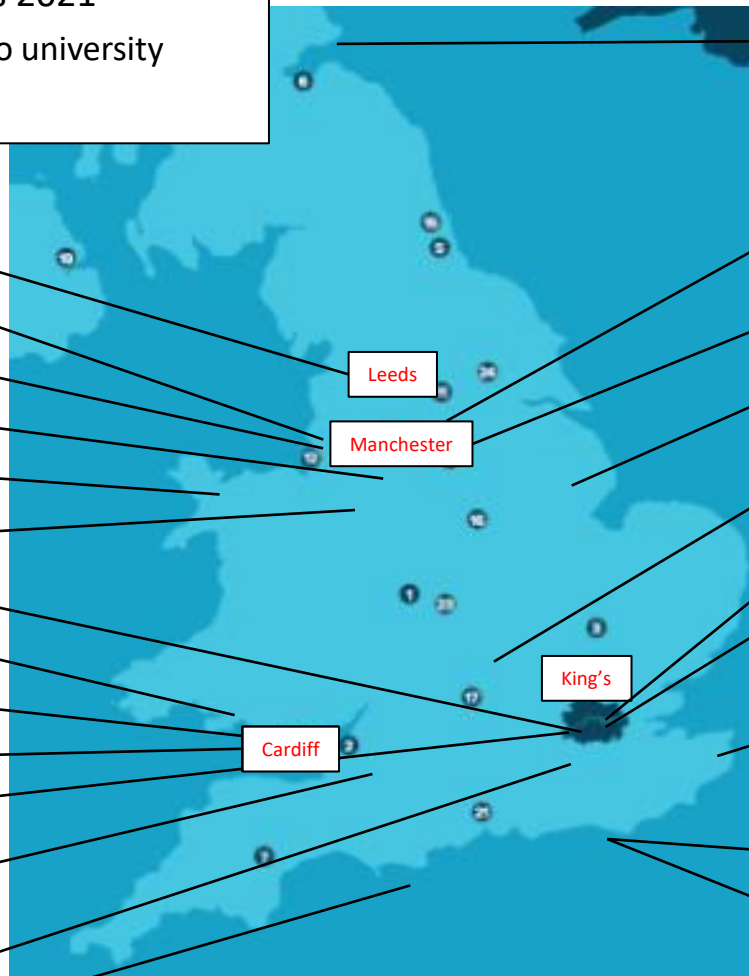
Exeter: Finlay, Geography  
Jess, English, TV & Film  
Callum, Politics



## Sixth Form Leavers 2021

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77% accepted their first choice



Leeds: Anais, Law

Lancaster: Nathan, Chemistry

Liverpool Hope: Heidi, Criminology

Chester: Harrison, English Language & Literature

Bangor: Megan, English Lang & Creative Writing

Keele: Bailey, Chemistry

St Mary's Twickenham: Hollie, Primary Education

Swansea: Max, Public Relations & Media

Bristol, UWE: Oliver, Quantity Surveying

Cardiff: Olivia, Biological Sciences

Royal Holloway, University of London:  
Charlotte, English & American Literature  
Ebony, Video Games Art & Design

Bath Spa: Maxima, Law

Surrey: Olivia Guildford School of Acting

Bournemouth: Ed, Radiotherapy & Oncology

Leeds

Manchester

Cardiff

King's

Dundee: Stephan, Biological Sciences

Huddersfield: Benito, Mechanical Engineering

Manchester: Sophie, Chemistry

Lincoln: Owen, Graphic Design

Northampton: Kai Sport Rehab & conditioning

University of the Arts: Kitty, Animation

King's College London: Amelia, Pharmacy

UKC: Aalia, Liberal Arts  
Abi, Architecture  
Sophie, Drama & Theatre  
Tabitha, Politics & International Relations  
Chase & Logan, Criminology

CCCU: Ethan, Professional Policing  
Lily, Applied Criminology & Forensic  
Investigation

Sussex: Emily English Literature  
Lara, Politics & International Relations  
Stuart, Marketing & management  
Tallulah, Psychology

Brighton: George, Sport & Exercise Science



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# Academic:

Experienced teachers – know the subject, exams, mark schemes, examiners' reports & what content and skills students find 'hard'







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# Academic:

Small class sizes  
(average of 6 in Y13, 10 in Year 12)  
– individual help

Academic continuity  
– we build on KS4 in terms of  
our teaching & assessment  
methods & set new  
standards i.e. organisation





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# Academic:

We know you... and you know us

You can help shape the 6<sup>th</sup> Form



We welcome newcomers







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# Opportunities:

## Opportunities:

personal development of our young adults  
careers support – careers adviser of the year  
employability skills, CV writing, interview skills & practice  
university & general money management, digital footprint  
EPQ (28 more UCAS points!)  
course finder & career finder  
Unifrog, UCAS & careers conventions  
PHSE – staying safe, relationships etc...  
personal statements  
super-curricular work  
we write references about you...  
P.E. offered  
residential visit to Sheffield University  
charities  
student support assistants



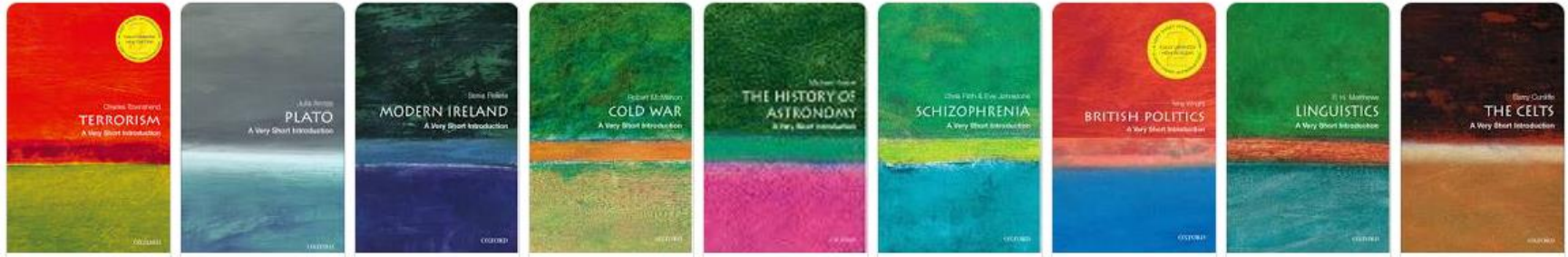
# Super-Curricular - complement your studies and the course you apply for





# Super-Curricular cont.

Books e.g. “Very short introduction to... “ short books of c.150 pages, £2.39



Isaac – (Physics)

Khan Academy

iTu – iTunes University  
(for apple devices)

TedX

MOOCs – massive open online courses – send you reminders each week

edX

Coursea.org

Academic competitions

Visits

FutureLearn

Look for, but don't be limited by your course's reading list

@univstaircase12



# 3100+ talks to stir your curiosity

Find just the right one



Topics



Languages



Duration



*Matt Walker*  
**Sleep is your superpower**  
Views 4.6M



*Katie Hood*  
**The difference between healthy and unhealthy love**  
Views 2.5M



*Carole Cadwalladr*  
**Facebook's role in Brexit — and the threat to democracy**  
Views 2.2M



*Brittany Packnett*  
**How to build your confidence — and spark it in others**  
Views 1.9M



*Elizabeth Dunn*  
**Helping others makes us happier — but it matters how we do it**  
Views 1.8M



*Hannah Gadsby*  
**Three ideas. Three contradictions. Or not.**  
Views 1.5M



*Mark Tercek*  
**An ingenious proposal for scaling up marine protection**  
Views 1.1M



*Juna Kollmeier*  
**The most detailed map of galaxies, black holes and stars ever made**  
Views 1M



*Erika Hamden*  
**What it takes to launch a telescope**  
Views 1M



*Rob Reid*  
**How synthetic biology could wipe out humanity — and how we can stop it**  
Views 1M



*Hamdi Ulukaya*  
**The anti-CEO playbook**  
Views 1.5M



*David Brooks*  
**The lies our culture tells us about what matters — and a better way to live**  
Views 1.5M



*Jack Dorsey*  
**How Twitter needs to change**  
Views 1.5M



*America Ferrera*  
**My identity is a superpower — not an obstacle**  
Views 1.4M



*Danielle N. Lee*  
**How hip-hop helps us understand science**  
Views 1.4M



*Bruce Friedrich*  
**The next global agricultural revolution**  
Views 1.4M



*David Baker*  
**5 challenges we could solve by designing new proteins**  
Views 983K



*Sarah Kay*  
**"A Bird Made of Birds"**  
Views 910K



*Jon Gray*  
**The next big thing is coming from the Bronx, again**  
Views 824K



*Moriba Jah*  
**The world's first crowdsourced space traffic monitoring system**  
Views 766K



*David R. Liu*  
**Can we cure genetic diseases by rewriting DNA?**  
Views 1.4M



*Wajahat Ali*  
**The case for having kids**  
Views 1.2M



*Baratunde Thurston*  
**How to deconstruct racism, one headline at a time**  
Views 1.2M



*Eric Liu*  
**How to revive your belief in democracy**  
Views 1.2M



*Michael Tubbs*  
**The political power of being a good neighbor**  
Views 1.2M



*Priya Parker*  
**3 steps to turn everyday get-togethers into transformative gatherings**



*Rick Doblin*  
**The future of psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy**  
Views 587K



*Es Devlin*  
**Mind-blowing stage sculptures that fuse music and technology**



*Arnab Kapur*  
**How AI could become an extension of your mind**  
Views 392K



*Ivan Poupyrev*  
**Everything around you can become a computer**  
Views 383K



# ***WHY GO TO UNIVERSITY?***

Expand your thinking





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# Opportunities:

bursaries

relationship with Ashford School

leadership & house system

new building + facilities

WiFi

study room

parking

visitors – Damien Green – Conservative  
Damian Hinds – Education Minister  
Adrian Gee-Turner Lib Dem  
Mandi Rossi - Green Party  
London Interdisciplinary School  
Kate Adie  
Science lecturers from UKC (planned)  
UL Head of Sixth Form meetings







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# Extracurricular:

Artists visit the former Prime Minister





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# Logistics:

## Post Covid 19

- ✓ School day is 8:40-3:05
- ✓ 5 x 1hour lessons
- ✓ 15 min morning break
- ✓ ½ hour lunch- 6th formers can leave site by agreement
- ✓ Students can be on site from 8 and until 18:00
- ✓ Dedicated buses cover most of Ashford, the train comes from Ashford and Canterbury, public bus from Canterbury and Sixth Form form can drive and park securely

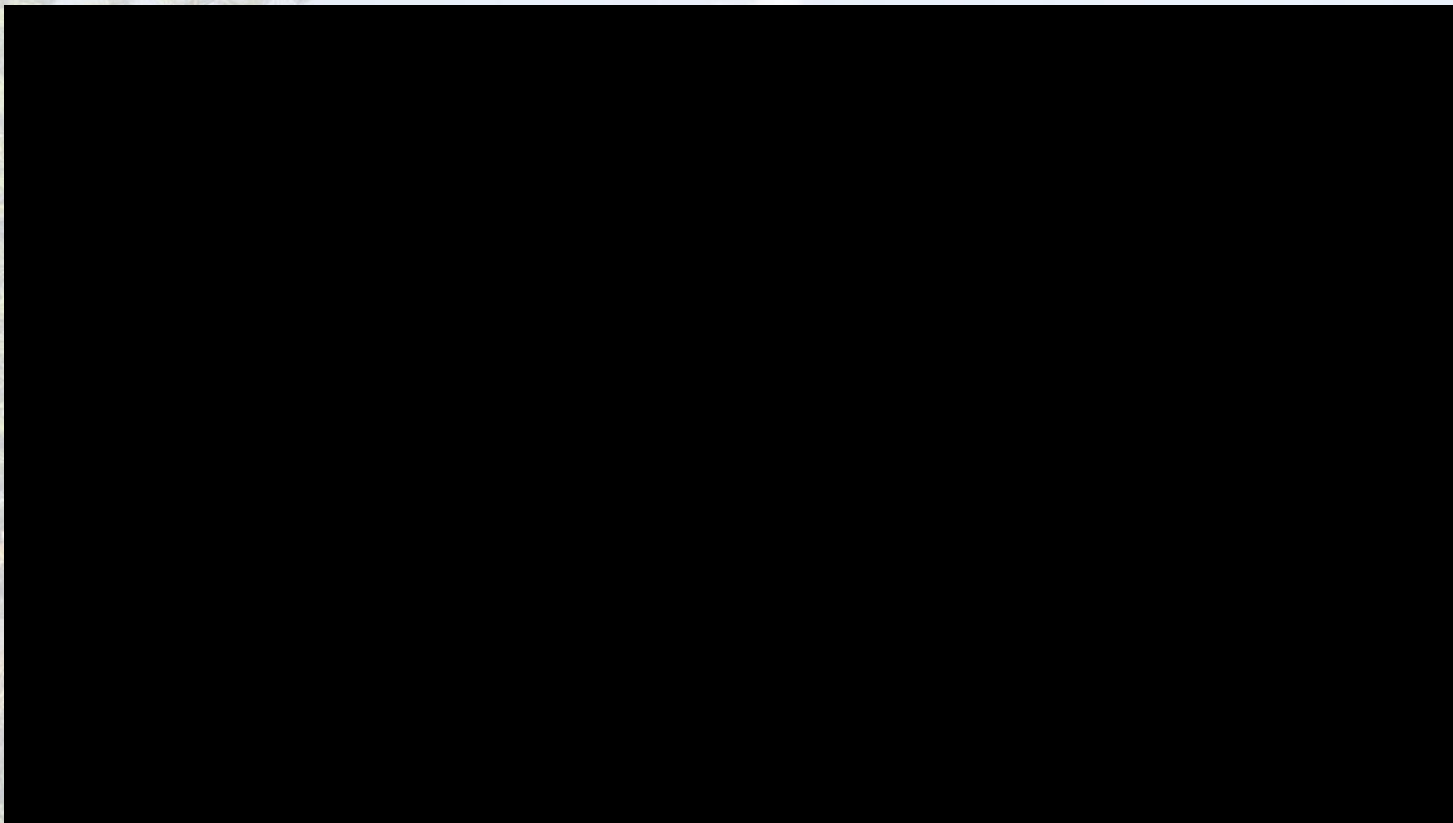






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# ‘Why Study at Wye!’





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# Next Steps:

Find more details about the courses on our website and links via Kent Choices.

We hope you meet our minimum grade requirements.

However, on results day, come and speak to us as we won't shut the door on your future





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# Questions?

Dr Gowen and Dr Marks will be around until 7pm.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask, then please do so.

We are very happy to answer any queries.

If not thank you very much for joining us and have a pleasant evening.

If you want further advice email or call us  
office [@wyeschool.org.uk](mailto:@wyeschool.org.uk) or [john.marks@wyeschool.org.uk](mailto:john.marks@wyeschool.org.uk)

We only have **a maximum of 150 places** for year 12 and 13  
**so please apply soon.**

We look forward to welcoming you to Wye School Sixth Form.  
[Further details regarding courses can be found here.](#)