

Question and Answer Report - Virtual Open Events - 12 October 2020

Year 7 Day Student - Virtual Open Event

#	Question	Answer(s)
1	Hi.. Living in Hingham.. Are we in catchment to apply for main day school?	We are not a catchment school. If we are oversubscribed we use priority criteria to allocate places as per our Admissions Policy 2021, which you can find on our website. Any places remaining are allocated on a proximity basis. This varies year to year. It can be as little as 0.6 miles from the College, and sometimes 4 miles. On average it is around 2 miles.
2	What time does school start and finish?	College starts at 08:30 and finishes at 15:45 for day students, however they can remain on site until 17:15.
3	Are there after school facilities for pupils whose parents work full time?	We offer Day+ enabling students to arrive at 07:00 in the morning for breakfast. Students are able to stay with us until up to 21:00, taking part in Wymondham Life activities, supervised Prep and supper.
4	Can pupils stay on site on school premises after school until 6pm if not involved in extra curricular activities.. For example : use the library?	We offer the option of Day+ to our Day Students. For a fee, students are able to arrive at the College from 07:00 and join us for Breakfast. They are able to stay up until 21:00 and take part in Wymondham Life, Supper and supervised Prep. Day Only Students are able to arrive at the College from 08:00 and stay until 17:15 so they are able to take part in Wymondham Life 1 activities.
5	Is there a music teacher teaching Cello in the school?	We offer a range of lessons including the Cello and you will be able to request these once your Child has been offered a place with us.
6	is there a girls football team / can girls play football?	Girls are able to play football and there is football club as part of Wymondham Life which they can join.
7	I have moved from Malaysia to Norwich in August 2020. I am living in a temporary small accommodation in Salhouse while looking for permanent and bigger accommodation in Wymondham area as my family members will move to Norwich in December 2020. My daughter is currently living and studying in Malaysia. Please kindly advise what are the essential and additional information shall be submitted and/or school would like to receive during the school admission application through Norwich Council?	For a day place, the College does not require to receive any additional information as the process is managed by Norfolk County Council. However, if you are seeking a Music Priority Day Place, then we would need to receive a Supplementary Application Form - available on our website at: https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/1297/main-school-applications

8	Is there an orchestra, and does it play outside of school?	There is a College orchestra and we have several concerts in College per year. The College also has a Junior Jazz Band, a Jazz Orchestra, a Flute Choir, a Concert Band and a Brass Group. Given COVID, we are currently restricted on the music activities we usually offer because of the year group restriction bubbles. However, we can take Jazz Orchestra and Concert Band to outside events as they are allowed to play outside.
9	Any advice for international student or British student moving back from abroad and would like to join the school?	The College offers a diverse environment to all students which may be of additional benefit to an international student or British student moving back from abroad. If you would like specific advice, please contact the External Relations Team directly (admissions@wymondhamcollege.org).
10	What facilities do you have in the music department? Do you have modern music software on computers (such as Logic)?	Our Music Department is currently based in our Tom Eaton Centre. It offers: 2 Main classrooms with 16 computers; 9 Practice Rooms with 9 pianos and 2 drum kits; a Rehearsal Hall with 2 pianos and 1 drum kit. The College uses the Sibelius Music notation program on our computers. Many students have 'logic' on their laptops, if they prefer that.
11	How do you stream classes in Year 7? Is this based on ability?	Students are taught in mixed ability classes in Year 7.
12	Do you try and place new students with other people they know from primary school? How does the buddy system work?	House allocations are made by the College to ensure that each house contains as far as possible a balance of boys and girls of different ages, backgrounds, interests and aptitudes. We do give an option for you to let us know about friendship groups and house preferences once you have accepted the offer of a place with us, although we cannot guarantee to meet any specific requests.
13	Do we need to complete a Supplementary Information Form if we are applying for a day place?	For Y7 day places, you do not need to apply to the College directly, unless you would like your child to be considered for a Music Priority Place. In that instance, a Supplementary Application would be required.
14	What is the average number of pupils per class?	In Year 7, the average class size is 26 students.
15	When class choices are made is there an option to do classics?	We do not, at this time, offer classics. However, our curriculum model follows a 3 year GCSE, and subject choices are made during Year 8. All students are required to study a foreign language and must study both History and Geography until Year 10. We have also broadened the curriculum within Years 7-9 inclusive, with the introduction of our Floreat Programme which will encompass elements of classical studies.
16	What art opportunities are there?	We offer GCSEs in Fine Art, Textiles and Photography. Outside of COVID restrictions, we would also put on an annual exhibition at the Forum in Norwich and have a biannual Arts Festival.

Boarding (Years 7-12) - Virtual Open Event

1	How many children share a dormitory in year 7?	Up to 5 Students in Year 7 will share a dormitory. There are some boarding videos on our YouTube Channel which will give you an idea of what one of our dorms look like - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLstFKy93oA
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- 2 Hello! How many boarders in year 7 this year? For September 2020 entry, we admitted 65 Year 7 boarders, inline with the Published Admissions Number (PAN) in our 2020 Admissions Policy.
- 3 What is the average class size please? In Year 7, average class size is 26 students.
- 4 What percent of the sixth form boarders are International and which countries do they come from? For September 2020 entry, we had 102 Y12 boarders of which approximately 25% were from overseas, originating mainly from Europe.

Sixth Form, Internal Year 11 Students - Virtual Open Event

- 1 What is the average grade score of those also taking Further Maths/EPQ (essentially, is there a risk that this additional study could dilute the other grades?) The average grade is B. The College offers advice to students before taking Further Maths/EPQ, with the option to drop it during Y12 if it is affecting other subjects.
- 2 Could we have some info on class sizes please? In Y12, the average class size is 18 students.
- 3 Can you explain more about Day+ and Day++ - is there supported study in the evening with these options? Day+ and Day++ enables Students to arrive to the College anytime from 07:00 and leave anytime up until 21:30, participating in all meals, activities and supervised Prep. With Day++ Students also have their own room to use throughout the day and evening. In the evening there are teaching staff who do boarding duties. They have a variety of subject expertise who can help students during Prep if needed.
- 4 Oct 31 is early to be making subject choices. What flexibility is there if students change their subject selections between then and next September? There is some flexibility with subject changes as long as they meet the Minimum Standard Qualification (MQS) criteria to study the new subject. Students are able to change their subject choices up until GCSE results day, providing they fit within the blocks that are put in place (during Spring Term).
- 5 Can students change their A level options later in the year or after GCSE results? Please see above.
- 6 Are there any opportunities of apprenticeships for studying medicine during these 2 years? We do not offer apprenticeships but have work experience opportunities.
- 7 Can you send this webinar to us, my child is at school and feel he has missed out? As mentioned during the Event, we have made a full recording, and this will be available to view from Wednesday via our YouTube page. The videos shown during the Event, as well as the Tour of the Campus that Mr Browning mentioned during his introduction, are available now to view.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5hFk7MBJcwbzrsXXO2ILROBWCRLeuQYI>
- 8 Is there any info on subject syllabus content for A levels? Please refer to our A level course booklet which is available online at: <https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/722/sixth-form-curriculum-overview>

Sixth Form - Virtual Open Event

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| 1 | What type of scrumptious food do you provide | The catering on campus is exceptional! Depending on the type of student you are, there is Breakfast, Lunch and Supper. There are also refreshments provided at break times. Sixth Form have their own refectory so all meals are eaten in Lincoln Hall. There are always two hot options (one vegetarian and other dietary requirements) and a cold option. This cold option was previously a salad bar but currently, due to COVID, these are wraps/salads which have been plated up. There are options for carbohydrates and veg. There is also always a hot pudding and fruit/cheese and biscuits and yoghurts. |
| 2 | For the independent studies, do you need to stay on campus or are you allowed to leave and go elsewhere? | Students are expected to stay in school for their study periods. A range of areas are allocated for quiet study and the use of computers either in Lincoln, free classrooms or the Library. |
| 3 | What are the minimum grade equivalents for IGCSEs? | No distinction is made between GCSEs and IGCSEs for MQS. We convert grades, when the time comes, with NARIC software to give the GCSE equivalent. |
| 4 | What are your previous results in computer science? Thanks | Unfortunately, we do not release this information due to GDPR. |
| 5 | Please can you tell me how big the classes are in economics geography and Spanish currently. Also the gender ratio between boys and girls in these lessons. | Class sizes are as follows: Economic 23; Geography 18; Spanish 5. Ratios are approximately 50:50 between boys and girls. |
| 6 | As in international student, how do the entry requirements work since we do not have GCSEs | We convert your predicted grades and your actual results, when the time comes, with NARIC software, to give the GCSE equivalent. |
| 7 | Is there a charge for student transport? | A reduced fee of £5.00 per College day per term is payable for the minibus service, Charges are termly in advance payable over three months with no refund if the service is not used. Terms and Conditions apply. |
| 8 | How do you decide which courses are the best ones needed for our University Choice. | We would recommend that you look at the University websites in order to determine this. |
| 9 | Does the bus actually depart from Litcham? Thank you | The bus routes for Sixth Form may vary year on year dependent on demand. Currently there is a route from Litcham, via Dereham. |
| 10 | Can you be a boarder and a day scholar at the same time? | The College offers a Day Boarding option, either Day+ or Day++ , which you can take up once you have been offered a day place. Day+ and Day++ enables Students to arrive at the College anytime from 07:00 and leave anytime up until 21:30, participating in all meals, activities and supervised Prep. With Day++ Students also have their own room to use throughout the day and evening. |

11	Are the boarding rooms for Sixth Form Single Occupancy?, and What facilities are in the rooms?	The majority of Sixth Form boarding rooms are single occupancy, but there are some twin rooms. Students awarded a place after GCSE results day can express a preference on room allocation. Each room has en suite facilities.
12	How soon into year 12 do the students have access to careers guidance	Careers Guidance is available to students from the first day of Y12. The College has a dedicated Careers Advisor.
13	What proportion of 6 th formers typically opt for the different options (day/day+/day++/board)? And how do you ensure good integration between the day & boarding pupils?	On average, around 55% of our Sixth Form students are day students and 45% are boarders. Of the day students, a small proportion chose to upgrade to the Day+/Day++ options. Both day and boarding students have access to all the communal facilities within the Lincoln Centre, our Sixth Form Centre, including common rooms, refectory, etc.
14	Is Further Maths available as an AS level, or if you take this as a 4 th choice are you committing to do it to full A level?	No, Further Maths is not available as an AS level. However, the College offers advice to students before taking Further Maths/EPQ, with the option to drop it during Y12 if it is affecting other subjects.
15	Can you confirm the application closing date, as I thought you said 31st October, but this seems very early compared to other schools and your deadline last year.	The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 October 2020.