

## Question and Answer Report - Virtual Open Event - 4 March 2021

#	Question	Answer(s)
1	I've been trying to find a course that regulates around Digital Graphics, Animation etc. Is there a course recommended for these type of subjects?	<p>Sixth Form: Traditionally, students interested in such career routes would take an arts-based course combined with two other subjects. Computer science or maths would open programming aspects of the career, but a very different skill-set. Universities offering such degrees have few fixed subject requirements, but a digital art portfolio developed through A level and personal interest would be very helpful in securing a place. Familiarity with industry standard software (Adobe for graphics etc) would also be useful – particularly in apprenticeship routes. Alternatively, FE Colleges may offer a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Graphic Design or Games Design, which is the equivalent of 3 A levels.</p> <p>At GCSE level, choosing options of an arts-based subject and Computer Science would be recommended as these are good preparation for the Post 16 study.</p> <p>We also offer Creative iMedia (a Cambridge National qualification) that students can study from Year 9.</p>
2	How many people can be in the room in year 7.	Our Year 7 dorms are usually for 5 students.
3	What is the ratio of boys to girls	The ratio is approximately 50:50 across all years.
4	How many students in a year	The College has approx. 115 day students and 75 boarders in each year group for the Main School.
5	Hello, Mr McMorran mentioned that a lot of students return to their parents during the weekend. What percentage stay boarding?	Our international students (approximately 25% of our boarders) remain at weekends along with a high proportion of our 'non-local' domestic boarders. Even some of our local boarders stay at weekends to participate in activities.
6	Hi we live in London. We are thinking about applying for weekly boarding. Do you have many boarders that live in London that board weekly? and would you recommend it given it would take around 2 hours there and back?	We have a large percentage of boarders who live around the UK, including London. Many of them weekly board and go home at weekends. Is mainly our international student population that board over weekends, but not exclusively.
7	How many students are in a room for year 10. many thanks.	Year 10 are usually in a shared dorm with one other or in a single dorm.
8	Is there an entry exam for admission to year 7? What if you aren't in the catchment area for the college? Thanks	There are no entry exams for Year 7. Boarders have to have a Suitability to Board Interview and a reference from their current school, which we request directly. We are not a catchment school but work on Priority Criteria. These can be found in our Admissions Policy - <a href="https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/338/policies-ofsted/category/27/admissions-policies">https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/338/policies-ofsted/category/27/admissions-policies</a>
9	When will applications for year 7 boarding 2022 be open?	Early applications can be made now. Please email <a href="mailto:admissions@wymondhamcollege.org">admissions@wymondhamcollege.org</a> and our External Relations Team will email you an application form. Most applications for 2022 entry will be made in September 2021. The closing date will be the 31 October 2021, in line with the Local Authority Common Application Form Process.

10	How often are College Classes on average?	Our average class size for Main School is approximately 28 students - but this varies a little between core and non-core subjects
11	At the weekends, can we have a better understanding of the routine -can our son come home each weekend to play his club football - and return on the Sunday, we are happy to travel up and down to pick him up and return him.	All Students attend Saturday morning school which finishes at 12pm. Students are able to return home after College finishes on Saturday and return Sunday evening or Monday morning. There are two Exeat weekends a term where the College closes after school at 3.45pm on Friday and all Students return home.
12	How many Children do you take in Year 7. With the ratio of Boys to Girls	Our published admission number for Y7 boarding is 65 but we do have flexibility to accept more. Ratio of girls to boys is approximately 50:50.
13	What languages other than French and German do you do?	Wymondham College offers either French or Spanish as part of its curriculum. We no longer offer the option of German.
14	How many houses are there?	There are five boarding houses for the Main School and one boarding house for Sixth Form
15	Will there be entrance exam for students hoping to join in year 8?	The College is a non-selective school and there are no entrance exams.
16	What is meant by a grade average of a 5? Does that mean a getting a 5 and above in all gcse subjects?	For Sixth Form, our entry requirements are an average of Grade 5 across a students best 8 GCSE results. It may therefore be that one or two results could be lower, if others are higher. We require at least a Grade 4 in Maths and English.
17	What time does school periods start/end? Do they vary sometimes?	College starts at 08:30 and finishes at 15:45 Monday to Friday and 08:30-12:00 on Saturday. Times do not vary. The only exception is Exeat weekends where there is no Saturday school and school finishes on Friday at 15:45.
18	Is the boarding horizontal or vertical ??	Our boarding structure is usually mixed across all year groups in Main School, however, at the moment (due to the current situation) students are in year group bubbles as per Government Guidelines. We hope to revert to our usual structure in September (COVID regulations permitting).
19	Do you have School lessons on Saturday ?	Yes - we have Saturday school from 08:30-1200 with the exception of Exeat weekends (2 per term)
20	How long is the school day ?	The school day is 7 hrs 15 mins - inclusive of break times and lunch time.
21	What are the weekend activities for borders ?	The College has an extensive range of extra-curricular activities available for all students under its Wymondham Life programme - which includes weekends. The programme is rich and diverse in opportunity, from daily clubs at lunch times and after school, to whole College spectacles like the Mair Cup music competition. Please take a look at the Wymondham Life page on our website for more details and programmes: <a href="https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/371/wymondham-life-extra-curricular-programme-1">https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/371/wymondham-life-extra-curricular-programme-1</a>
22	Do you have exeats and how long are the terms ?	Yes, we have two Exeat weekends per term (usually the third weekend in a half term). Our terms are usually 12 weeks, but dependent on when public holidays fall, may be 11 weeks or 13 weeks.
23	What is included in the boarding fees ?	The boarding fees cover all the associated costs for accommodation, food and most extra curricular activities offered to students under our Wymondham Life programme

24	Also what extras do you have to pay for if any ?	Extras include the costs of trips, any offsite activities. There is also a charge of £100 per student per weekend if a student remains on Campus for an Exeat weekend.
25	What extra curriculum activities do you do ?	The College has an extensive range of extra-curricular activities available for all students under its Wymondham Life programme. The programme is rich and diverse in opportunity, from daily clubs at lunch times and after school to whole College spectaculars like the Mair Cup music competition. Please take a look at the Wymondham Life page on our website for more details and programmes: <a href="https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/371/wymondham-life-extra-curricular-programme-1">https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/371/wymondham-life-extra-curricular-programme-1</a>
26	What sports do you do ?	The College has a strong reputation for sport with vast numbers of young people involved in activities each week. The PE Department are committed to weekend fixtures throughout the year and running a wide variety of clubs across the College day. In addition, sports tours have been organised in recent years such as a Netball tour to Cyprus and a Rugby tour to South Africa. Topics covered include: Racket skills, Fitness, Gymnastics, Swimming, Athletics, Hockey, Netball, Striking and Fielding
27	Do you have a school choir ?	Yes, there is a College choir. In addition to curriculum music lessons, students have access to a huge range of performance opportunities, including other ensembles, a Jazz Orchestra and the Concert Band. The work of the department is supported by visiting music staff and achievement in all areas is exceptional. Many students go on to study music at a higher level.
28	Do you do any performing arts and if so which ones ?	We offer Drama and Music as part of our curriculum.
29	Do you offer escorted teacher ? escorted return to areas London etcetera or do you offer coach facilities from cities to the school if so which ones ?	No, the College does not offer escorted travel for students or provide coach facilities.
30	If a child is a weekly boarder – is there the option to return home in the evening during the week?	The College does not offer a flexi-boarding option.
31	Re Saturday schools, and in light of the move to provide more online teaching and education, has the school considered offering the Saturday school virtually ? A number of students (and parents) would prefer to be at home for more of the weekend and this might be a solution for some of these students.	There are currently no plans to remove the requirement for main school students to attend Saturday school. This is routed in the fact that at its heart, Wymondham College is a boarding school.

- 32 Also has consideration been given to make the school week Mon-Friday slightly longer so that Saturday schools do not have to take place. A number of schools have moved away from the Saturday lessons as it has been acknowledged that students need more of a break than just the one day a week on the Sunday. Please see response above.
- 33 As more teaching has been set up to be delivered online, will this continue as it has been a great help to children that they have the option to replay a lesson. If they have not fully understood what was said first time round, then they simply replay what was said. Also for students who have sporting commitments or are ill, the ability to log on to any missed lessons will be a fantastic benefit and I think could really enhance the future of teaching. The College is currently considering how we positively use the legacy of lockdown which may mean an increased use of Teams to record and stream lessons in the future.
- 34 Can you give more details about the resident fellows and how that works in practice? These are our Graduate Boarding Assistants and they support the Heads of House, Matrons, etc in the day to day running of the boarding houses. They also help bridge the age gap. For Sixth Form students, they are particularly helpful in supporting the university application process.
- 35 Are you able to help students arrange work experience and voluntary service? Students are encouraged to undertake a number of volunteer opportunities through our 'Floreat' programme and can join the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in Year 10. They will be provided with personal support in finding suitable work placements to support career ambitions and competitive university applications.
- 36 If you are new to boarding, is there a list of what students should bring with them? Yes, a full uniform and equipment guide for boarders would be provided prior to start at the College.
- 37 Are there dance classes and, if not, is it permissible for 6th form boarders to attend external classes - at the weekend, for example? We may offer a dance club as part of Wyndham Life, however, students are welcome to go offsite for external classes if they so wish and with the prior permission of their Head of House.
- 38 Is there a video or online gallery of the 6th form boarding accommodation (bedrooms)? Yes - please take a look at the latest Campus Tour video made by our Headteacher in January 2021 - this shows the inside of our Lincoln Centre and a dorm - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyDOjLkh904>
- 39 Is it possible/ok to arrange driving lessons for boarding school pupils? The College does not arrange driving lessons directly, however, parents are most welcome to arrange lessons for their child. The time offsite would need to be authorised in advance by their Head of House.