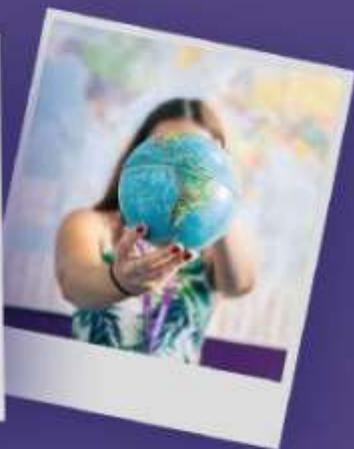


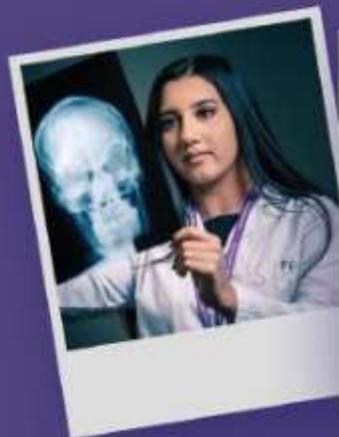
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6TH FORM COLLEGE

"INSPIRE AND SUPPORT ALL STUDENTS
TO ACHIEVE EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS."



Wyke Flyers Programme



What is the Flyers Programme?

The Flyers Programme is designed to support our students in achieving outstanding success and preparing them for transition to highly competitive universities such as the Russell Group and Oxbridge, further study or progression into industry. The Programme has various elements of which students can choose to best reflect their study programme and future ambitions.

The key elements of the Programme are:

- Senior mentoring by a named member of senior staff;
- Russell Group and Oxbridge University visits;
- Oxbridge preparation;
- Senior staff supervisor for EPQ; and
- Foreign cultural visits.

In 2018, we were exceptionally proud that our student Flyers broke 2 college records, with 8 students receiving offers to study at Oxbridge and 9 students securing places on Medical, Dentistry and Veterinary Science courses at university.

In addition to this, a total of 139 students progressed onto study at Russell Group universities. Ten students are taking gap years working in industry or gaining work experience (via our links with gap year work experience provider yipyap) and a further student has secured employment in Singapore.



How do I become part of the programme?

Wyke Flyers is a programme of additional events and activities that we offer to our students who are academic highflyers achieving mainly 7s and 8s in their GCSEs. The aim of the programme is to provide academic challenge as well as supporting students to access top performing institutions in the UK and beyond.

The programme is not exclusive; throughout the year, students with excellent progress at Wyke can join the programme. In addition, students may also join certain strands of the programme, for example by applying for trips or engaging in the Oxbridge programme.

There is also a wide range of enrichment and self-development opportunities through activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, National Citizen Service and college organised 'Challenge Trips'. Curricular opportunities such as the Bar Mock Trials, Maths Challenge and Science Olympiad competitions further enhance your time at Wyke.

University visits

As part of the Flyers Programme, we offer visits to many top universities across the UK to help students make a more informed decision about which institution and city is right for them.

Recent examples include:

- Manchester (Humanities);
- Newcastle (STEM and Medics);
- London (Imperial, Kings);
- Edinburgh;
- Cardiff;
- University of Cambridge (Kings College); and
- University of Oxford (Mansfield College).

High Flying Siblings



Bridget Allenby
University of Oxford

Results

Biology: A*
Chemistry: A*
Physical Education: A*
Maths: A

Bridget opened her A Level results live on ITV's *Good Morning Britain*. Bridget received the grades needed to study Biomedical Science at the University of Oxford.

Upon opening her results, Bridget said: "I am happy and just over the moon right now. To be lucky enough to secure one of the 40 places available on the course is a huge achievement.

As for coming to Wyke and being part of the Flyers Programme, I would definitely recommend it. It's been a great step for me to take for my future."



Chloe Allenby
University of Cambridge

Results

Biology: A*
English Language and Literature: A*
Extended Project Qualification: A*
Physical Education: A*
General Studies: A
Media Studies: A

Chloe was the College's top performing student in 2015/16 and has gone on to study Linguistics at the University of Cambridge with ambitions to become a speech therapist.

"Sometimes I cannot believe that I am a student at the University of Cambridge, had it not been for all the support, help and guidance that staff at Wyke and in particular the Flyers Programme gave me, I would not be where I am today."

Current Wyke Flyers

Max Wybrant



Former Howden School student

Studies Biology, Chemistry, History & Maths

"I chose Wyke due to the fact that I could study four subjects alongside an Extended Project Qualification. As an Oxbridge applicant, the extra support offered by the Flyers Programme also made Wyke an obvious choice for me.

My advice for any student joining the Flyers Programme is to take advantage of all the opportunities given to you such as the trips, talks and meetings with your mentor as they will help you going forward."

Ilona Woodward



Former Snaith School student

Studies English Literature, French & History

"I chose to study at Wyke due to the societies, clubs and the opportunities to get involved in a variety of co-curricular activities.

The things I have enjoyed the most about the Flyers Programme are the trips to Cambridge University, UCL, Imperial College and the London School of Economics.

These trips have helped me to decide where to study and I have since decided to apply to two of these universities."

Will Marshall



**Former Kelvin Hall School student
Studies Government & Politics, History & Maths**

“I decided to come to Wyke due to the fantastic facilities and wide range of courses that are available.

I have really appreciated all of the extra help and opportunities offered by the Flyers Programme.

The trip to Poland was an amazing opportunity and provided me with so many real life experiences.”

Constance Rann



**Former Beverley Longcroft School student
Studies English Literature, Geography & Law**

“I made the decision to study at Wyke because it provided a new and exciting environment, with lots of great opportunities for students as opposed to what was on offer at my school.

I would recommend being part of the Flyers Programme to any student aiming for a top university. I have received a lot of additional support with my application and gained many skills from the programme which have prepared me for higher education.”

Developing Yourself Outside the Curriculum

Medics, Dentists and Vet Applicants

Wyke's well established Pre-Medical Programme is one of the reasons many students see the College as the obvious next step towards gaining a place at Medical school. Over recent years, we have supported over 40 students on their journey to become Medics, Dentists or Vets, including 9 last year.

The Flyers Programme and Pre-Medical Programme really complement each other, with many students choosing to engage with both to really gain a competitive advantage when applying to Medical School.

As part of the programme, students take part in mock interviews, listen to guest speakers (including Hull York Medical School and the Royal Society of Medicine), engage in work experience placements and have additional support with UCAS applications and medical school entry tests.



Anya Portess

Former Vale Academy student

Visiting Speakers

As part of the Wyke Flyers Programme, we have a variety of speakers from both industry and the academic world visit to discuss their areas of expertise and how to prepare yourself for the next steps after college.

Some recent examples include:

- **Dr Guy Sutton** a neuroscientist who runs a 'Brain Day' talking about current research in brain imaging techniques and conducts a live brain dissection.
- **David Crystal** a writer, editor, lecturer, and broadcaster. He published the first of his 100 or so books in 1964, and became known in such fields as intonation and stylistics, notably in the development of a range of linguistic profiling techniques for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes.

University Access Programmes

We participate in many 'University Access Programmes' that give students the opportunity to study with a university, complete work that is assessed by staff at these institutions and as a result, gain offers for some of the most selective courses.

These include:

- SOAMS (Sheffield University)
- Next Step York
- Reach for excellence (Leeds)

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

What is an EPQ?

The EPQ is available as part of the Level 3 study programme. Many of our students on the Flyers Programme choose to take this extra qualification.

The EPQ is equivalent to half an A Level and is worth additional UCAS points.

Completing an EPQ involves choosing your own topic to investigate. The course is intended to take students beyond their A Level studies, consequently, topics chosen for investigation should not be ones which are already being studied as part of conventional A Level courses. The EPQ is highly valued by universities as it is regarded as excellent preparation for study at Higher Education level.

Who is it suitable for?

It is suitable for students who are able to work independently, manage their time effectively and manage their workload to set deadlines.

What does it lead to?

An EPQ enhances the study skills of students and provides them with the experience of independent learning which is characteristic of university study. Therefore, gaining the EPQ is not only useful for the personal development of students but is highly valued by universities as evidence of student's ability to engage in research, carry out independent learning and explore an issue in depth. This gives students a highly competitive edge when applying to university.

If you have the opportunity, then undertaking an EPQ is a good idea. It develops your ability to study independently and helps make the transition from school to university. If you're applying for a subject at that you haven't studied at college, an EPQ is a good way to demonstrate your interest and commitment."

Queens College, Cambridge

Science and Mathematics Competitions

Each year, we enter students into the Maths Challenge and the Science Olympiad competitions.

The UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge is a team competition for students testing mathematical problem solving, team working and communication skills.

The British Biology Olympiad challenges and stimulates students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals, certificates and other prizes.

The Chemistry Olympiad is the leading chemistry competition for students in higher education across the UK. Run annually, the Olympiad is an opportunity for teachers to identify and challenge gifted and talented chemistry students, stretching them beyond the curriculum and preparing them for university.

Youth Speaks Competition

The Rotary Youth Speaks Competition is a well established and successful competition organised and promoted by Rotary International. It is a four stage competition designed to support and encourage the development of effective communication skills.

This competition offers young people:

- Experience in speaking on a public platform as a member of a team;
- An incentive to formulate ideas on topical subjects;
- Discipline in dealing with a topic in a limited time; and
- The opportunity of learning and practising high standards of expression, presentation and appearance.

University Entry Preparation

Entry exams help universities select applicants with the most appropriate academic capabilities, attitudes and professional behaviours required to be successful.

They are often used in collaboration with other admissions processes such as the UCAS application and academic qualifications. These tests are also your opportunity to stand out from other applicants and demonstrate your aptitude for a demanding programme of study.

The Sixth Term Examination Paper Mathematics (STEP) is a well established mathematics examination designed to test candidates on questions that are similar in style to undergraduate mathematics. STEP is used by the University of Cambridge, the University of Warwick and other universities sometimes ask candidates to take STEP as part of their offer.

The Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT) is an admissions test for applicants to Medicine, Biomedical Science and Dentistry courses at certain universities.

The UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) is an admissions test used by a consortium of UK Universities for their medical and dental degree programmes.

Within our Flyers Programme, we have a scheme designed to support students to excel in these tests and support strong applications to universities.



Oxbridge Preparation

Wyke has great links with both Oxford and Cambridge and has been the host of the East Riding Oxford Application Conference for the last four years.

Our link colleges are Mansfield College (Oxford) and Kings College (Cambridge).

The application process starts in the December of a student's first year with the Oxbridge Application Programme launch event. Previous Wyke students return to talk about how they came to choose Oxbridge universities, their experience of the application process, and what it is like to study at the universities.

For those students considering applying to Oxbridge, we attend the annual Oxbridge Application Conference at St. James' Park, Newcastle to provide both general and subject specific workshops for our students.

In the Summer of the first year, we run residential trips to Oxford and Cambridge to visit open events and experience the cities first hand. These trips also give our students the opportunity to stay in an Oxbridge College (in the past we have stayed in Homerton, Kings and Mansfield).

As students reach their second year, there is a programme of support to help with personal statements and application tests. We run an Oxbridge Interview Event in November with local academics and industry experts, as well as our senior staff, as interviewers.

All of this supports students who are aiming for Oxbridge to realise their dream of studying at two of the best universities in the world.

Wyke Flyers Challenge Visit

Each year, we organise a 'Challenge Visit' that gives our Flyers the opportunity to visit a foreign country to develop a wider understanding of the world in which we live. The trips have several elements to them; an emotional challenge, a physical challenge, and an academic challenge.

A recent example included a trip to Poland where our Flyers had the opportunity to visit Auschwitz. The physical challenge involved a mountain hike, just above the snowline and the academic challenge involved a visit to the Salt Mines, located in the town of Wieliczka in southern Poland where students had lectures on the engineering feats required to mine in the area.



Wyke Flyers students visit to Poland

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