



# Wyvern College

A Voluntary Aided Church of England School for Boys

**COURAGE, COMMITMENT, COMPASSION**



# WELCOME TO WYVERN COLLEGE



**We welcome students  
from all faiths and none.**



**Mr P German Headteacher**

**I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Wyvern College.** I hope that this prospectus will give you a helpful glimpse into what we stand for and what we do, such that you will want to come and see us in action for yourself. I am immensely proud of our happy, dynamic and successful school. We succeed in nurturing students to become self-confident and accomplished young men ready for the challenges of further education and training, alongside preparation for responsible adult life. Wyvern College is a small, friendly and successful Voluntary Aided Church of England secondary school for boys in a wonderful location in Laverstock on the eastern edge of Salisbury. Smaller classes have supported us to personalise learning judged to be good by Ofsted and with strong examination results, comparing favourably with other schools both locally and nationally.

The opportunity to educate other people's children is a rare privilege that brings with it a huge responsibility to provide the best all round education that we can, as we aim to prepare young people for success in a fast changing world. At Wyvern, we take this responsibility extremely seriously. We believe strongly in the limitless potential of all our students. Each boy is valued for his own sake and encouraged to develop his talents to the full, in a community where every achievement is celebrated. Wyvern is an inclusive community where it is easy to participate from the first day, a place where each student can make his mark. Our aim is to encourage each student to be self-confident, inquiring, tolerant and positive, respecting himself and celebrating the differences of others. We pride ourselves in enabling youngsters to think for themselves, to think deeply and to think about others. By the time they leave the school, we want each student to have that true sense of their self-worth and to be a value to society. At Wyvern College, our community's ethos is based upon the values which are both Christian and traditional.

**Courage:**

We are open to new situations and experiences and have the independence of spirit to explore new ideas.

**Compassion:**

We have a strong sense of empathy for others.

**Commitment:**

We do what we say we are going to do.

We want everyone at Wyvern College to be happy, confident and successful in achieving their goals. We can promise you support, care, encouragement, respect and above all, a really enjoyable and rewarding school experience. Our status as a voluntary aided Church of England school is immersed into who we are and our values. Our ethos is clearly Christian in character and for that very reason we offer a fine, rounded education in a wonderful environment to all boys regardless of faith or background.

*"I have come that they might have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10)*



## OUR CURRICULUM

Teachers work hard to ensure that the curriculum is up to date, relevant and delivered in exciting and memorable ways. Students are encouraged to work independently to extend and embed the learning undertaken in class. As a team of staff we have spent time and effort deciding what to teach and how we need to teach it, so that all students leave our school ready to make a success of their lives. The curriculum offers a strong traditional core of academic subjects, as well as opportunities for more applied learning.

We have invested wisely in securing state of the art equipment to support specialist areas such as Engineering, where our facilities exceed those of local schools. The suite of Catering rooms supports a range of practical food lessons, which prove both academically successful and popular with our boys. The Curriculum is enhanced through off-site learning opportunities, curriculum acceleration days and collaboration with other schools.

The curriculum is carefully personalised for each student so that they follow an appropriate and engaging pathway to further education. This one-to-one support available for each student is second to none.

Students work within three distinct Houses, which support both pastoral care and academic development. As part of a whole school approach, lessons develop the qualities and attributes students need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society.





## INCLUSION, CARE & GUIDANCE



Your son can also expect the highest level of support from his teachers. From the first day, new starters will have support from older students and great care and attention from the staff. We pride ourselves on getting to know every student as an individual and we firmly believe this enhances the learning experience. Our dedicated Learning Support team are on hand both in lessons to aid learning and at social times in a supportive area within Learning Support. The Compass Centre enables youngsters experiencing temporary difficulties to address any issues and to re-engage with the curriculum. Our administrative, canteen and site maintenance staff also work tirelessly to ensure student welfare. We have strong multi-agency links to provide students with a tailored programme of support should the need arise. Boys can access confidential support from our lay chaplain and school nurse. Parents and Carers can access support from the School's Education Welfare officer. Your son's best interests are at the heart of all that we do. A happy, well-cared for student will engage with his education; leading to rapid progress and success.





## OUR CHRISTIAN ETHOS



Dan Chirside — Lay Chaplain

Worship is an important part of school life, which closely reflects our vision and ethos. It is delivered through weekly themes that tackle topical issues relevant to us all, as well as following the Christian calendar. During Collective Worship we share a variety of experiences through words, music and prayer.

Special services are held in our local churches to celebrate the major festivals across the Christian calendar. We also provide additional worship for those that choose to attend, run with the support of local Christian youth groups and our Lay Chaplain, Dan Chirside.

Each term the College undertakes significant charity work and fundraising because our Christian ethos encourages us to 'Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.' [Matthew 7:12] We also encourage kindness, charity and fellowship so that everyone can give their time, love and prayers to those less fortunate in life.

The college participates actively in voluntary work within the local and wider community.

As a Voluntary Aided Church of England school we seek to foster and nurture religious beliefs, spiritual awareness and moral character in an inclusive, Christian manner.

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## CELEBRATING SUCCESS



We expect all students to work hard, have a smart appearance, manage their own behaviour for learning and respect all members of our school and wider community. Homework and independent learning are key components of the working day at Wyvern College. Teachers vary the learning activities to ensure that they are suited to each individual student's needs and strengths.

We regularly measure each student's progress against challenging, aspirational targets. Where barriers to learning inhibit progress we work to eradicate them through support and challenge. Successful learning requires a strong partnership between parents, students and staff, combined with a shared vision of our aspirations. This can be seen by the lively dialogue and high attendance at our regular parents' evenings. Parents receive three graded reports a year, plus a full written report. We pride ourselves on regular contact and updates from staff as and when required.

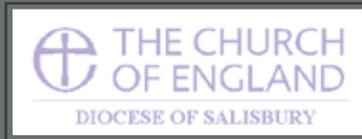
Students leave us at sixteen to go on to a wide range of local further education providers. All students receive individual advice and guidance to help them make the best decisions for their education beyond Wyvern College. Above all, they leave with the skills, values and resilience to enable them to flourish in a fast changing world.

We celebrate success in all aspects of school life and our vibrant rewards system is directly linked to our core values of Courage, Commitment, Compassion. This enables all students to experience a strong sense of achievement and pride. All students are supported to be resilient and ambitious, to contribute to our bright, vibrant and enjoyable learning environment.

Evidence of our high expectations, success and inclusive approach can be evidenced throughout the latest Ofsted report, a highly complimentary SIAMS report and the examination results.

In recent years, Wyvern has been placed 5th nationally for results alongside similar schools. We have attained the best results for comprehensive boys in the local area, with over 60% of boys attaining at least one A\*/A grade at GCSE level.





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