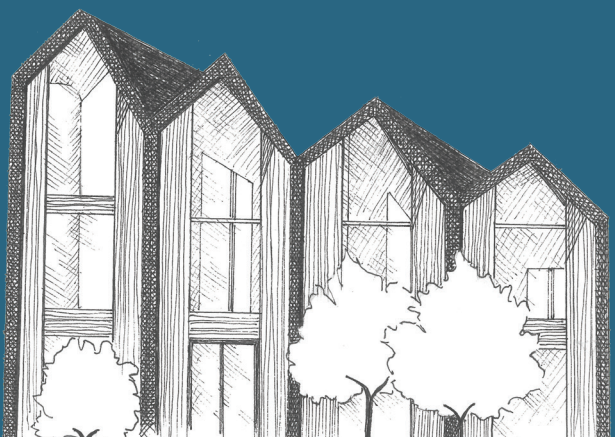
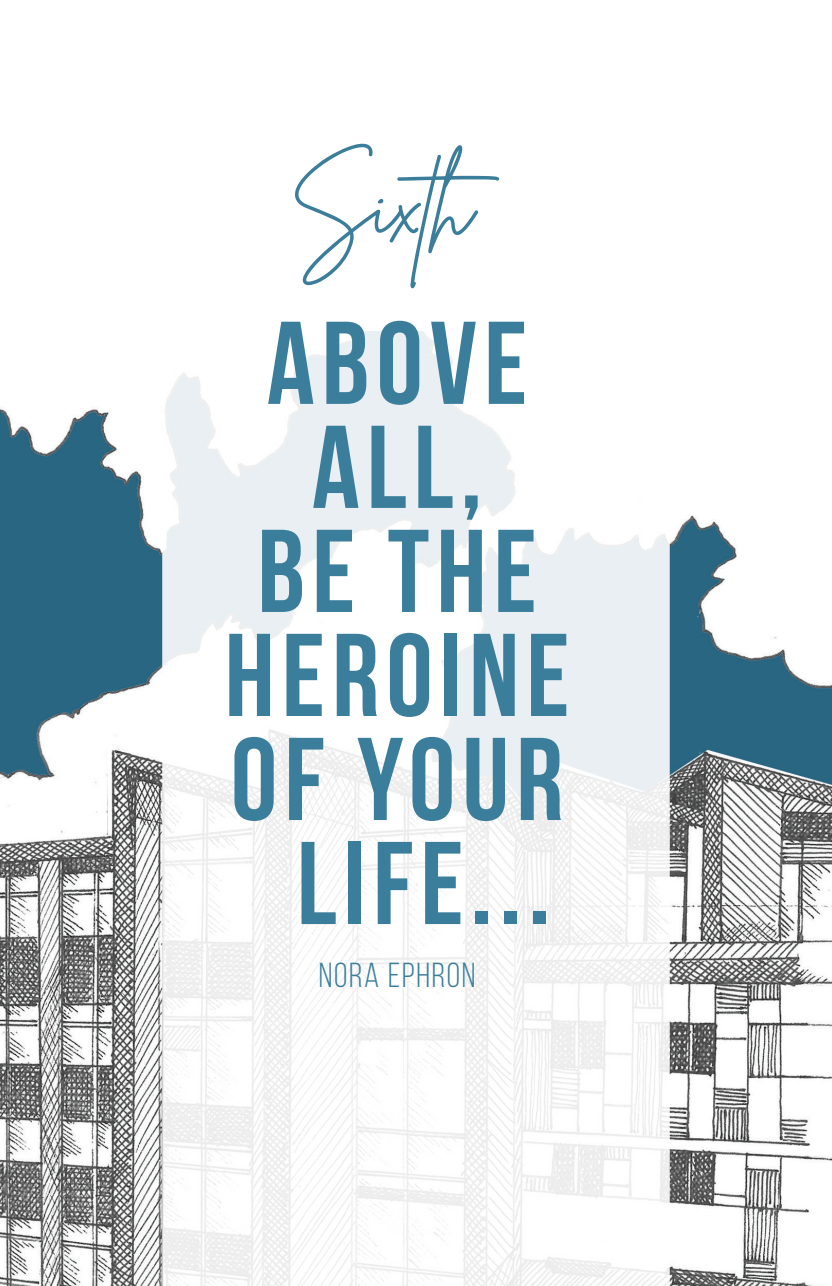
A GUIDE TO WIMBLEDON Sixth

WIMBLEDON HIGH 2024



WHEREVER YOU'RE HEADING, OUR TEAM AT *Sixth* WHS CAN HELP YOU GET THERE




Sixth
ABOVE ALL, BE THE HEROINE OF YOUR LIFE...
NORA EPHRON

A HOLISTIC APPROACH

WHS Sixth is, quite simply, an inspiring place to learn. Our Sixth Formers are ambitious, articulate, passionate, and well-rounded students with a powerful sense of identity and values.

The School's vision - placing each individual at the heart of all that we do - is at the core of WHS Sixth and you should expect to be consistently stretched and encouraged to be the best version of yourself: care through challenge is our central belief in a developing strong and resilient young women for the future.

The final two years of study promise to be the most exciting and rewarding that you will experience. There will be a need to balance independence with responsibility: the transition to life beyond School is not always easy. Your tutor, teachers and Sixth Form team will be there to inspire and support you every step of the way, with our second-to-none Futures programme giving you the leg up you deserve.

Our Sixth Form students are the ambassadors for the School, role models for the younger students and we are immensely proud of them.

Mr Ed Griffifths, Head of Sixth



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ACADEMIC

A LEVEL SUBJECTS
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FREE CHOICE
IN THE SIXTH FORM

A LEVEL SUBJECTS

UNLIKE MANY SCHOOLS, THERE ARE NO OPTION BLOCKS AT WHS MEANING ULTIMATE FLEXIBILTY WHEN YOU CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECTS

To some extent, subjects 'find you' – the ones you enjoy, the ones you are naturally better at. Studying three or four A Levels will mean that you are going deeper into that subject every day – so make sure that appeals!



We have included the current examination boards we use, though these may change.

ART & DESIGN

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

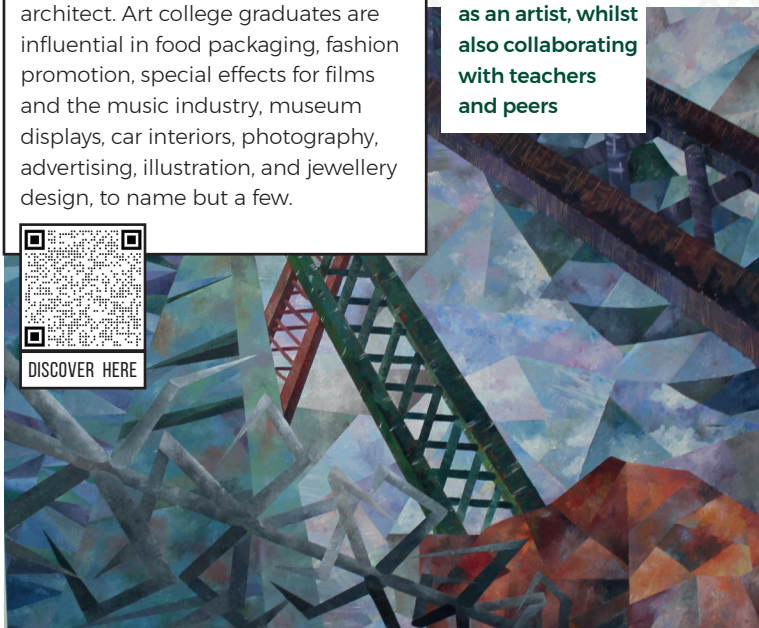
Art at A Level leads on to an Art Foundation course – Art college provides valuable training in an ever-increasing range of specialisations and skills associated with art and design. This is the route that many WHS artists take for a year before going on to a wide range of Art-based degree courses.

As well as the more obvious careers, many things we see around us on a daily basis have been professionally designed by an artist, designer or architect. Art college graduates are influential in food packaging, fashion promotion, special effects for films and the music industry, museum displays, car interiors, photography, advertising, illustration, and jewellery design, to name but a few.

DISCOVER HERE

CHOOSE ART A LEVEL IF...

- **You are naturally creative and want to explore new ideas**
- **You enjoy the contextual side of art, investigating relevant artists and galleries**
- **You are ready to work more independently as an artist, whilst also collaborating with teachers and peers**



CHOOSE BIOLOGY A LEVEL IF...

- You are fascinated by the natural world and biological concepts and want to know more
- You like to experience a range of teaching styles and passionate experts
- You like working independently as well as collaboratively to solve problems
- You have a passion for science

BIOLOGY

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

You can combine Biology with so many subjects at A Level that it can take you in many directions, from medicine and scientific research to pharmacology, speech therapy, forensic science or conservation work.

The world needs Wimbledon High Biologists to go and tackle pandemics and climate change!
Are you up to the challenge?

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CHEMISTRY

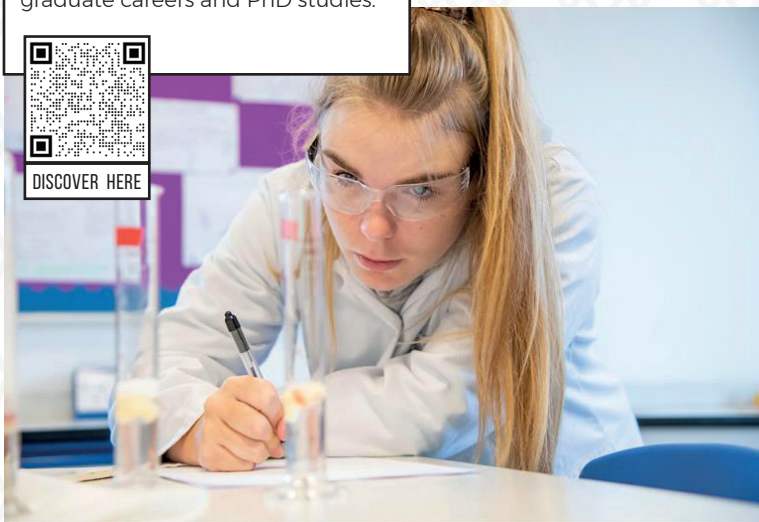
WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Chemistry complements all sciences and any subject that involves problem solving. It is the subject you need if you want to go on to study medicine; also dentistry, veterinary science, biochemistry, pharmacology, microbiology, psychology, nursing, physiotherapy, speech therapy and forensic science. Chemistry degrees support a wide variety of future careers such as art restoration, the sport and fitness industry, conservation, the cosmetics and perfume industry and even law. Chemistry degrees are well respected for general graduate careers and PhD studies.

DISCOVER HERE

CHOOOSE CHEMISTRY A LEVEL IF...

- **You like to get hands-on and stuck into practical experiments**
- **You want to understand what makes up the world around you**
- **You like to be challenged and enjoy grappling with difficult problems**



CHOOSE CLASSICAL CIVILISATION A LEVEL IF....

- You love a good story, ancient literature and the theatre
- You're interested in Greek mythology
- You've ever been inspired by the Greeks and Romans
- You'd like to delve more deeply into the influence of Classics on western culture

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Classical Civilisation combines well with all kinds of subjects, such as English, History, Politics, Theatre Studies & Art. Courses incorporating Classical Civilisation are offered at degree level by all the top universities. Classics graduates pursue careers in all sorts of areas such as media, finance, journalism, politics and law; as well as teaching, research, archaeology and museum work.

The analytical skills you would develop studying Classical Civilisation would equip you well for pretty much any career.

DISCOVER HERE



COMPUTER SCIENCE

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

An A Level in Computer Science is essential for those wishing to study the subject at university and will equip you with high-level programming skills that could support you in practically any field of further study or future career, allowing you to progress rapidly. Current roles include artificial intelligence, mobile applications, or robotics as well as all the technical areas. Programming will support careers as wide-ranging as using Geographical Information Systems to look into global warming or as a Pharmaceutical Researcher using simulation to find new cures!

DISCOVER HERE

CHOOSE COMPUTER SCIENCE A LEVEL IF...

- You love solving problems creatively in an environment where you are free to set your own challenges
- You want to be able to build games, web applications or build your own software
- You are curious to know how all of the different aspects of Computer Science link together



CHOOSE PRODUCT DESIGN OR FASHION & TEXTILES A LEVEL IF:

- You have a questioning mind and enjoy solving problems
- You are imaginative and love bringing designs to life
- You're methodical in your planning
- You like expressing your creativity and want to use a different part of your brain

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Product Design is excellent preparation for any problem solving or creative subject at university, however, it particularly suits Product Design and Engineering courses. Engineers are in high demand and female engineers remain extremely rare. Or DT could of course be a complement to your Arts subjects - you could head to Art School and the creative industries and become a Fashion Designer. It combines well with Geography, History and Computer Science too. The problem-solving skills you'll learn will help take you anywhere; design thinking is becoming key in all sectors of business and industry.



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ECONOMICS

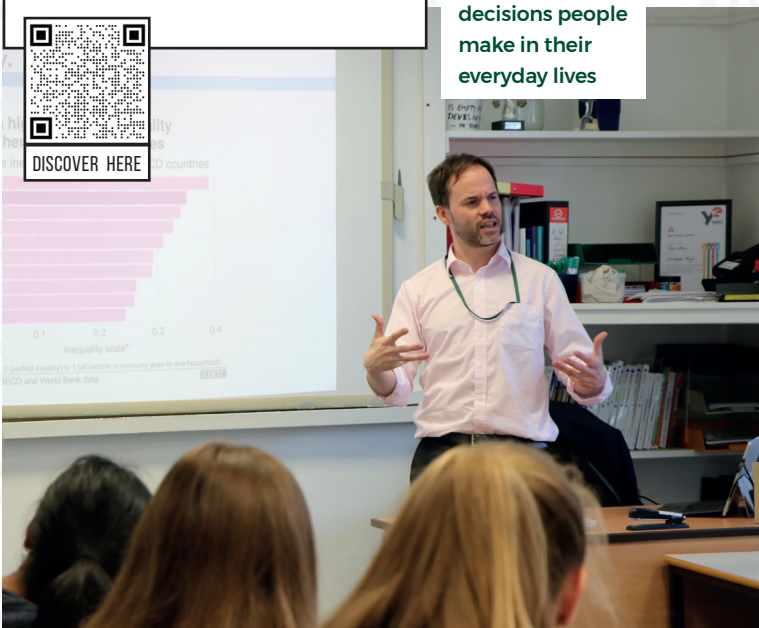
WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Economists are employed as analysts and forecasters by investment banks in the City of London; many are employed by the Bank of England. Others work in consultancy firms giving advice to leading firms and industries, to the Government, to political parties, to pressure groups such as Friends of the Earth. Economics can be a bridge between science and the arts. With its focus on understanding current affairs, studying it is not only fascinating but can really keep your options open.

DISCOVER HERE

CHOOSE ECONOMICS A LEVEL IF...

- You're interested in real world issues: pandemics, the environment, poverty
- You want to understand more about current events and government policies
- You question the decisions people make in their everyday lives



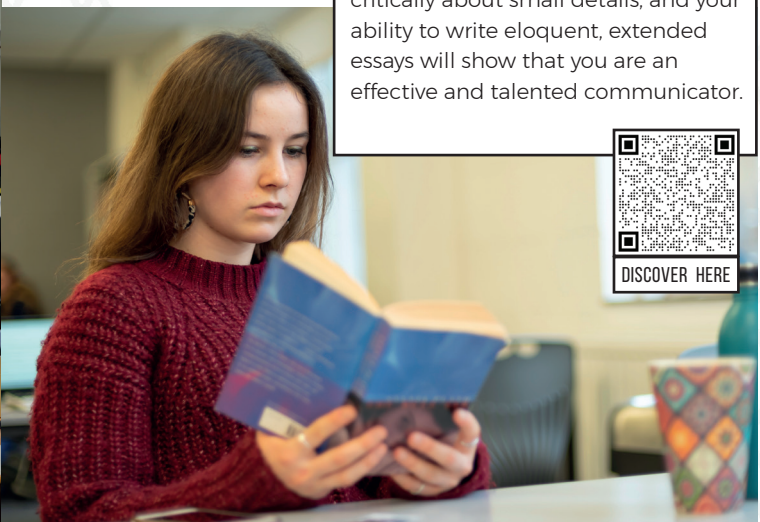
ENGLISH LITERATURE

CHOOSE ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL IF....

- You enjoy finding illuminating connections between texts
- You love reading widely, drawing on philosophical, historical and cultural ideas
- You want to develop your skills in essay writing and communication

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Many of our students go on to study English at university, sometimes in combination with other subjects, such as Modern Languages, History, Politics and Classics. A degree in English qualifies you for careers in many areas including Law, Theatre, Media, Business, Publishing, PR and Marketing, Entertainment, Communication and Politics. Employers love English graduates: the skills of analysis will stand you in good stead in many industries as they show you can apply yourself and think critically about small details, and your ability to write eloquent, extended essays will show that you are an effective and talented communicator.



DISCOVER HERE

FRENCH

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

The world needs linguists – people who can communicate effectively across borders, in a variety of fields. A level French leads, of course, to a degree in the subject – either on its own, with another language or combined with a number of subjects in joint honours degrees. You will have the opportunity to spend a year abroad, working or studying, as part of your degree. The discipline and rigour of language learning, as well as honed communication skills, literary criticism and analysis will stand you in good stead in all sorts of careers.

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CHOOSE FRENCH A LEVEL IF...

- You like languages and learning about different cultures
- You have an international outlook
- You like history and English (whether or not you have chosen to study them to A level)
- You are an independent learner



CHOOSE GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL IF....

- You are curious about interactions from the local to the global scale
- You enjoy forming your own opinions about our influence on a range of contemporary processes from the natural and human worlds
- You are passionate about increasing your understanding of the complex and interconnected systems driving life in the 21st century

GEOGRAPHY

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

As a subject which covers so many of the crucial issues that affect the world today, such as climate change and natural hazards, there has never been a better time to study Geography. Whilst you may go on to study Geography at university, its facilitating interdisciplinary nature can lead to degrees in many fields, including Environmental Science and Politics. Geography graduates are highly sought after; employers prize the communication and analysis skills that studying Geography can provide. Graduates go on to work in a wide range of careers, including those in consulting, government sectors and urban planning.

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GERMAN

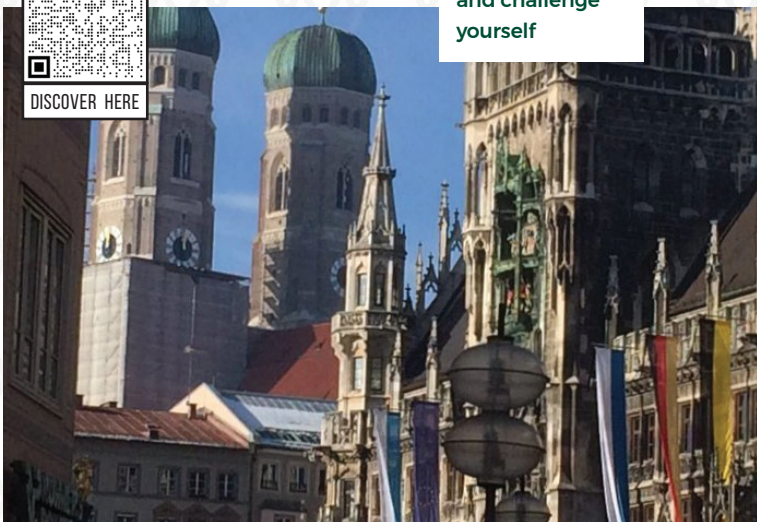
WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Linguistic skills and cultural awareness have become increasingly important in the workplace and your ability to communicate in German, the second scientific language and the most widely spoken in Europe by mother tongue, will greatly increase your scope for working or studying in the UK or abroad. German can be studied at degree level on its own or in combination with other languages or subjects as Joint Honours; you will have the opportunity of spending a year abroad, working or studying, as part of your degree.

DISCOVER HERE

CHOOSE GERMAN A LEVEL IF...

- You are curious about the global world and have an interest in history and politics
- You're passionate about understanding another culture
- You're keen on German literature and film
- You like to work independently and challenge yourself



CHOOSE CLASSICAL GREEK A LEVEL IF....

- You enjoy a challenge and solving intellectual puzzles
- You are keen to develop your analytical and broader language skills
- You love literature, good story-telling and Greek mythology
- You have found Greek GCSE rewarding and have a thirst to gain a deeper insight into Ancient Greek history, society and culture

(CLASSICAL) GREEK

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Classical Greek combines well with all kinds of subjects, such as Latin, English, History, Politics, Theatre Studies & even Maths. Classics courses or combinations involving Latin or Greek are offered at degree level by all the top universities. The linguistic skills you will learn when translating both from and into Greek and from the rigorous analysis of your prescribed texts will be invaluable. Classics graduates pursue careers in all sorts of areas such as media, finance, journalism and law; as well as teaching, research and museum work.

DISCOVER HERE



HISTORY

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

As historians, we would argue that History is the ultimate interdisciplinary subject! It gives you both the knowledge and the skills to understand and navigate life in the 21st century, which cannot be separated from its context in the past. Choosing History will complement any other subjects, both at A Level and in a UCAS application. Beyond this, it could lead to careers as varied as the law, social work, journalism, politics, comedy – you name it, historians do it. The well-informed and empathetic world view, and the clarity of understanding and ability to communicate that History equips you with are vital, wherever you are and whatever you do.

DISCOVER HERE



CHOOSE HISTORY A LEVEL IF...

- **You are keen to develop your understanding of the foundations of 21st century global issues, from racial and economic inequality to the climate crisis to politics**
- **You want to be able to analyse information from all sources, present and past, to model thoughtful and responsible dialogue**
- **You love discussion, debate and research and aspire to develop your skills in these crucial areas**

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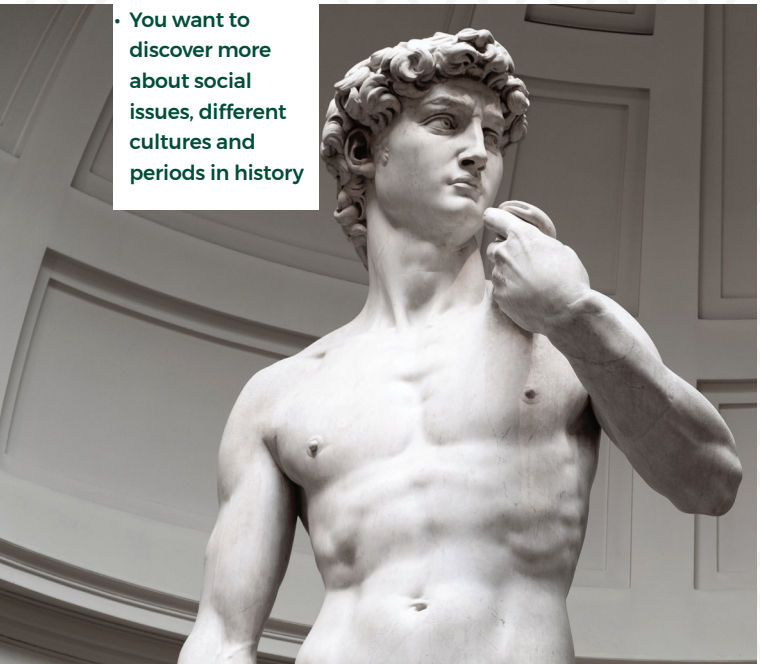
HISTORY OF ART

CHOOSE HISTORY OF ART A LEVEL IF...

- You are fascinated by the visual world of painting, sculpture and architecture
- You are open minded, enjoy discussions, and want to develop your critical thinking skills
- You want to discover more about social issues, different cultures and periods in history

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

As a multi-disciplinary subject, History of Art allows you to explore history, politics, philosophy, sociology and art. Developing visual literacy and analytical skills would prepare you for careers in museums and galleries, curation, auction houses, media, journalism, as well as research and academia.



LATIN

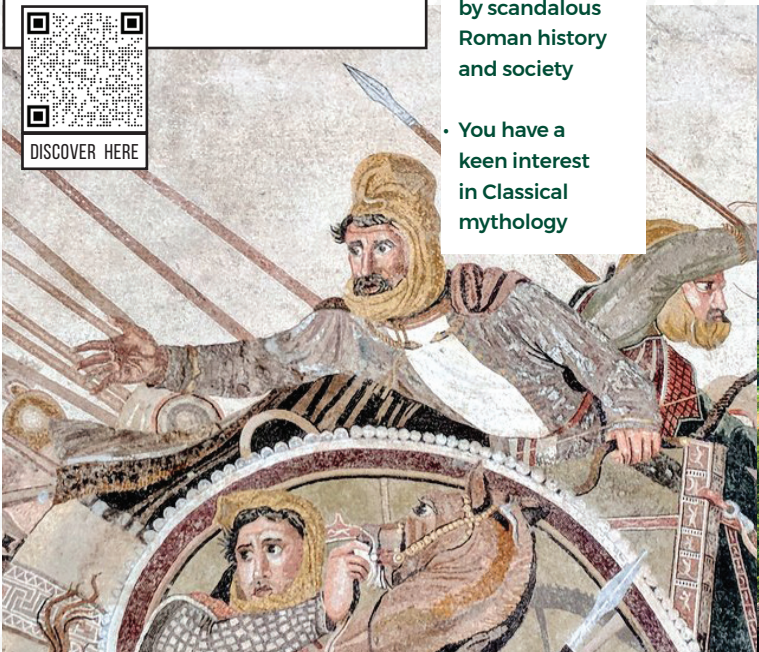
WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Latin really helps with your analytical skills and so complements many other subjects in the humanities, arts and sciences. classics or combinations involving Latin or Greek are offered at degree level by top universities throughout the country. Classics graduates pursue careers in all sorts of areas such as media, finance, journalism and law; as well as teaching, research and museum work.

DISCOVER HERE

CHOOSE LATIN A LEVEL IF....

- You want to impress university admissions tutors and future employers
- You like the intellectual challenge of translating from and into Latin
- You are fascinated by scandalous Roman history and society
- You have a keen interest in Classical mythology



CHOOSE A LEVEL MANDARIN IF...

- You love languages - Mandarin is a beautiful and lyrical language
- You've studied and enjoyed Mandarin GCSE
- You're fascinated by Chinese culture and history

MANDARIN

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Learning Mandarin, the most commonly spoken first language internationally, will open up a world of opportunity for you. With the buying power of China, there is a huge demand in the West for people who, with excellent communications skills in general and a good level of fluency in Mandarin specifically, can bridge the gap between China and the wider world. Mandarin will be useful in all sorts of careers. You can study it at university on its own or in combination with Business, Finance, Law - there are so many combinations and future paths that could await you.

DISCOVER HERE



MATHEMATICS

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

The breadth of the applicability of Mathematics is enormous, and for a large number of degree courses an A Level in Mathematics is an essential qualification.

For many careers it is the ability to explain complicated concepts clearly to a non-mathematical audience that is in demand. Some examples of maths related courses to study at university include: Engineering, Physics, Economics, Geography, Biology and Computer Science. The list is endless!

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CHOOSE A LEVEL MATHEMATICS IF...

- You enjoyed Maths at GCSE and want to take the step up
- You enjoy the challenge of solving tricky problems
- You like approaching questions creatively
- You're ready to work hard



CHOOSE A LEVEL FURTHER MATHS IF...

- You enjoy Mathematics and have the ability to pick up concepts very quickly
- You want to take the mathematical concepts covered in the Pure, Statistics and Mechanics modules of A Level Mathematics to the next level
- You are ready for undergraduate level in Pure Mathematics

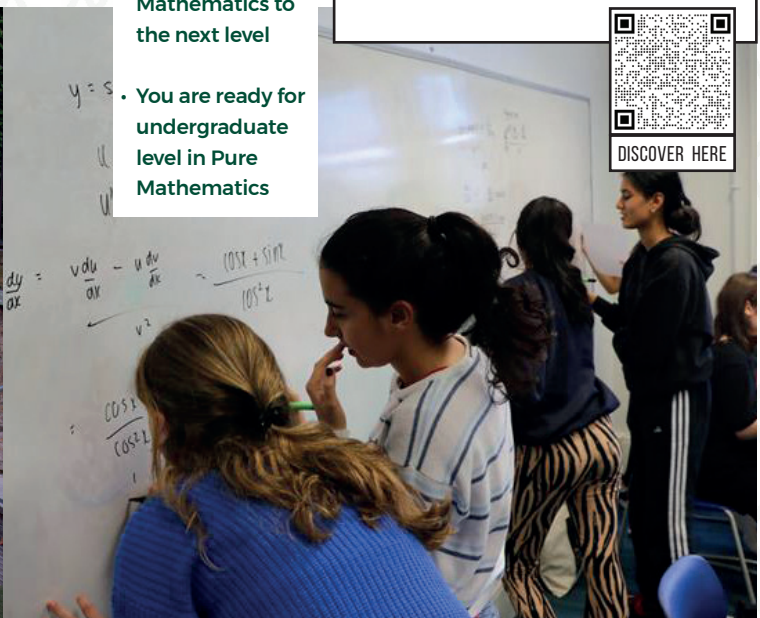
FURTHER MATHS

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

We offer Further Maths AS Level, as well as the full Further Maths A Level.

The advice from universities is that any student entering a mathematically oriented course e.g. Physics, Engineering, Economics at a top university should ideally have studied Further Mathematics. It is a highly rigorous course which could take you onto a whole range of fulfilling careers.

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MUSIC

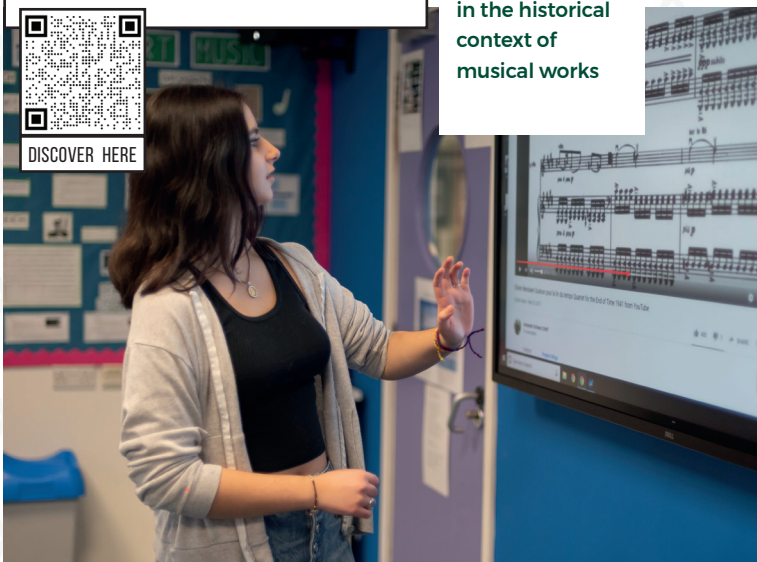
WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Music is a passion and a skill - and one that few people in life possess – and as such is highly regarded by employers and higher education institutions. Musical ability shows self-discipline and self-reflection and these are key transferable skills for university study that few applicants can demonstrate. Whilst many people studying music will continue to work in the arts - as performers, composers, teachers and sound engineers - many also transfer these valuable skills to other roles, in careers such as the Law, consultancy and Business Management.

DISCOVER HERE

CHOOSE A LEVEL MUSIC IF...

- You are passionate about performing, composing and listening to music
- You enjoy lots of different genres, from baroque to 20th century
- You enjoy working as a team and learning collaboratively
- You are interested in the historical context of musical works



NEW A LEVEL

PE

CHOOSE A LEVEL PE IF...

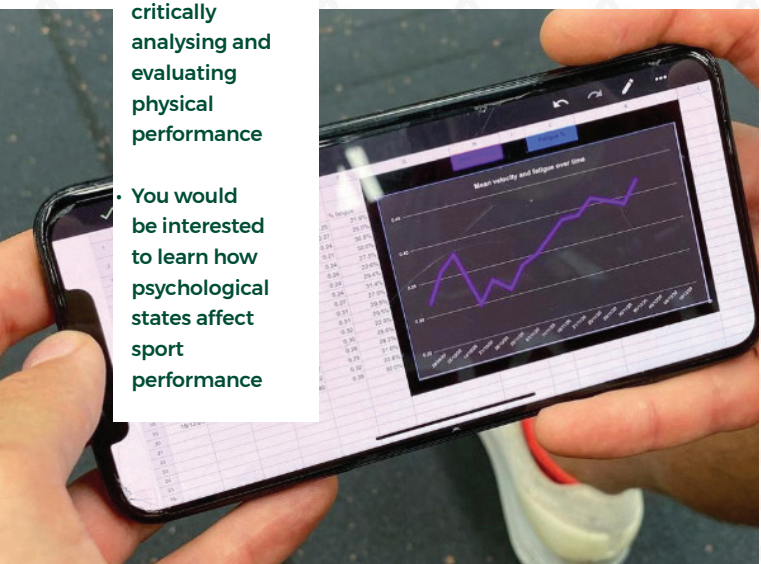
- You have a passion for sport
- If you are interested in understanding the factors that underpin physical activity and sport and would enjoy using this knowledge to improve your own performance
- You enjoy critically analysing and evaluating physical performance
- You would be interested to learn how psychological states affect sport performance

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

PE complements a range of university subjects including Biology, Sociology and Psychology. It can lead to a variety of careers including Physiotherapy, Sports Journalism, Performance Analysis and Sports Nutrition.

You will develop as an independent thinker, an effective decision maker and enhance your communication skills, all transferable skills vital to any career.

Demonstrating composure, working effectively as a team, performing in a competitive situation are all attributes that will impress any employer.



PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Philosophy and Ethics of Religion complements any humanities courses; it develops the qualities and skills of an enquiring mind, reasoned debate and thorough analysis that are highly valued by employers. Philosophy and Ethics can be combined with many subjects at degree level.

It is a useful accompaniment to Politics and particularly useful for those who wish to go on and study PPE. The ethical theory and applied bioethics elements to the course would be invaluable for those going into careers in Medicine, Veterinary Science, the Law and the Media.

DISCOVER HERE

CHOOSE A LEVEL PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS OF RELIGION IF...

- You have an open mind and enjoy critical thinking
- You are interested in current issues and ready to question how we live our lives
- You would like to strengthen your analytical and evaluative skills
- You are interested in learning about other world faiths and their place in the world



CHOOSE A LEVEL PHYSICS IF...

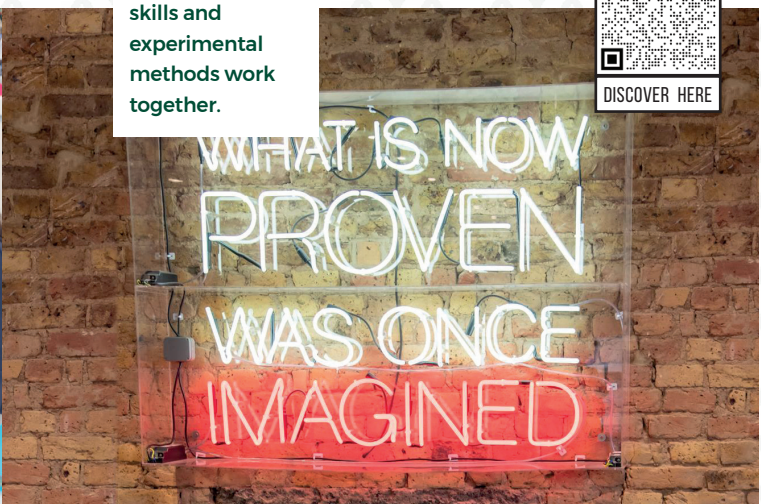
- You want to explore a wide range of topics, from quantum mechanics to astrophysics
- You're inquisitive about natural phenomena and are fascinated to understand what makes the universe 'tick'
- You enjoy problem solving and seeing how mathematical skills and experimental methods work together.

PHYSICS

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Physics is a highly regarded and versatile subject at A Level, useful for gaining admission to many degree courses and a surprisingly wide variety of careers, such as: Theoretical and Experimental Physics, Meteorology, Astronomy, Geophysics (particularly valued in the energy sector), Medicine, Technical theatre, Computer Science, Engineering and Design, to name just a few. Overall Physics is such a dynamic and constantly developing field of study that the opportunities it presents are exciting and literally endless (much like the universe itself!).

DISCOVER HERE



POLITICS

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Now more than ever, political literacy is vital in our world. Politics leads on to a range of university courses and careers - not least becoming a politician or policy advisor - and the academic profile of this contemporary subject is on the up. It is an incredibly diverse subject, useful to any analytical arts degree, and invaluable in traditional vocational careers such as Law, Investment Banking and Accountancy. Who knows... maybe you'll make it all the way to Downing Street!

DISCOVER HERE

CHOOSE A LEVEL POLITICS IF....

- You are interested in the world around you and want to gain a deeper understanding of current affairs, political ideologies and parties
- You enjoy analysing and critiquing social and cultural trends
- You thrive on researching, explaining and evaluating complex principles and practices



NEW A LEVEL

PSYCHOLOGY

CHOOSE A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY IF...

- **You are fascinated by how the human mind works and why people behave the way they do**
- **You like Biology and delving deep into cutting-edge research**
- **You have natural curiosity, enjoy problem solving, and debating or discussing your perspective**

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

The study of psychology equips you with skills such as independent thinking and critical analysis that could take you into different fields of research or practice in the future.

An A level in Psychology is a solid foundation for studying the subject at university, either as a single or joint honours degree. Career pathways that are open to psychology students are diverse and ever-growing; some examples include Clinical Psychology, Organisational Psychology, and Forensic Psychology, or working in sectors such as mental health, social work, business consultancy or sport and fitness.



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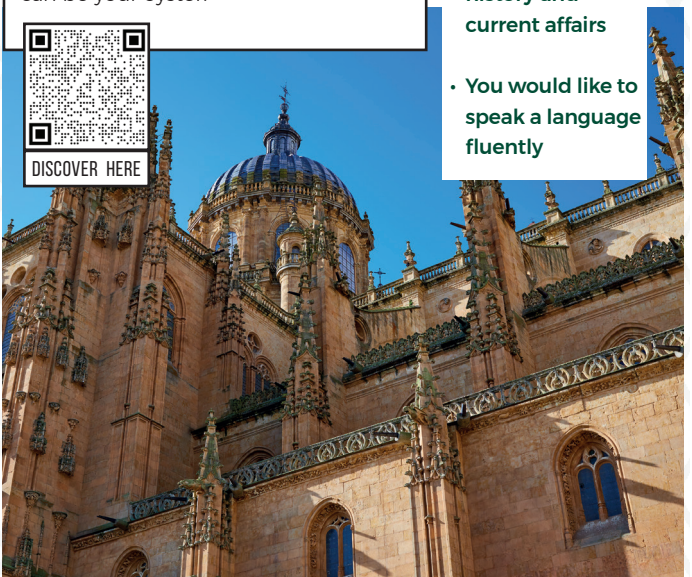
WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

A Modern Foreign Languages degree is invaluable in today's global economy and inter-connected world. Spanish will take you anywhere – you'll be highly employable in many professions and have the opportunity to live and work in many other countries. Spanish can be combined with another language, or with English Literature, History, Politics, Law, Business and many more subjects in a Joint Honours degree. Top universities highly rate a language A level, even as a third A level for Medical and Science degrees. With Spanish, the world really can be your oyster!

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CHOOSE A LEVEL SPANISH IF...

- **You like to immerse yourself in another language and culture**
- **You are globally minded and want to work in an international environment in the future**
- **You have an interest in world history and current affairs**
- **You would like to speak a language fluently**



THEATRE STUDIES

CHOOSE A LEVEL THEATRE STUDIES IF...

- You enjoy expressing yourself through drama and want to understand more of the theory
- You want to develop your understanding of the technical aspects of theatre production
- You're prepared to be brave in performing and respond positively to constructive criticism
- You're a team-player, rehearsing in groups as well as working independently criticism

WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

You could follow in the steps of many a WHS drama student and study drama at the most competitive universities and Drama schools. Or take the confidence you have gained into a wide range of other courses. A variety of career options open up, including theatre, film, TV work, (performance, production and administrative roles), project management, journalism, law, consultancy and teaching.

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OPEN MINDS

Playful Scholarship
ACADEMIC

OUR OPEN MINDS PROGRAMME

This programme of academic enrichment puts playful scholarship at the heart of learning, building a rich Sixth Form culture of expertise and specialism, where students go deep into their learning with extra reading around their subjects. It allows students to explore a breadth of academic skills and learning alongside A level study, by offering courses and collaborative projects to be involved in.

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

From this series of electives, you will choose one to pursue during Year 12:

Extended Project Qualification

The EPQ allows you to choose a topic unconnected to your studies, or to make connections between disciplines you are studying, and dive deep into independent research. It is enriching university style learning, done under the guidance of an EPQ mentor.

GDST LSE entrepreneurship programme LEAD

Work in a group to come up with a business idea, take on a role, from CEO to Marketing Officer and develop your business plan. You will be guided by mentors who are themselves entrepreneurs and attend workshops at the London School of Economics.

OPEN MINDS

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

Big Data

WHS scientists have the opportunity to make a real, meaningful contribution to the reservoir of human knowledge. You will be able to undertake independent research using publicly available big datasets under the guidance of research scientist mentors in fields such as Bioinformatics, Astronomy, and Sport Science.

We've been delighted to see the first published novel research by our students in international journals - an achievement more usual in the graduate or undergraduate realm.

Recent successes include published research in the International Journal of Performance Analysis in Sport and two papers published on specific areas of Covid-19 research, with advice and input from scientists at universities and research institutes across Europe.

Space Technology Diploma

Equivalent to a undergraduate university module, this exciting programme teaches skills of stratospheric data analysis and Python coding within an exciting exploration of planetary science.

Beginners Mandarin

Take the opportunity to learn the basics of this fascinating language, which you may then choose to pursue later in life.

OPEN MINDS

Film Studies

Bring your critical eye to films, learning the tools of analysis and examining them within a theoretical and historical context. A journey through World Cinema. Develop your critical eye while discovering ground-breaking cinematic movements and pioneering auteurs. You will also have the chance to nurture your filmmaking skills, exploring the fundamentals of the craft through hands-on workshops.

The year culminates in an Open Minds Expo where you will present on projects you have researched to your younger peers, parents and teachers.

LECTURE PROGRAMME ACADEMIC DEPTH





Through our academic lecture programme, you will have the chance to meet and question visiting specialist speakers, take part in workshops in residencies at various institutions (eg: Oxford University, Cambridge University, London's Wellcome Collection).

And we offer bespoke seminars and one-to-one mentoring for those considering applying to Oxbridge, US universities and highly sought-after courses such as Medicine and Veterinary Science, to explore and expand learning in preparation for competitive entrance interviews and tests.

PASTORAL



KNOWING YOU ARE **KNOWN AND VALUED...**

AND KNOWING AND VALUING YOURSELF

In Sixth our GROW pastoral focus is on developing the whole person. We know that healthy, supported and happy students thrive when they are informed and educated about key issues and have the space to get to know themselves, the time to pursue interests and activities.



WHS SPECIALISES....

...in the issues girls and young women face, helping you to find your voice and agency. You will, however, have plenty of opportunity to collaborate with boys through joint initiatives with local schools and will leave school prepared for life beyond SW19. Being in a single-sex school means no unconscious bias in terms of subject choice (there's no such thing as boys' subjects in a girls' school and Maths is our most popular A Level).

WHS HELPS PASTORALLY BY:

- Regular university-style one-to-one meetings with your tutor, with advice on making good decisions, managing your work, etc
- Giving you time in your day for mindfulness, rest and calm – common room space
- Offering you an exercise and nutrition programme
- Opportunities for enriching Music and Drama
- Giving you perspective – the chance to volunteer in community partnerships, SHINE, amongst others.
- Support from friends in the year above
- Support from your tutor, Head of Year, Director of Sixth
- Help with any Neurodiversity
- Nurse and counsellor support
- A full PSHE programme of talks

Using a positive psychology approach our sixth wellbeing programme encompasses tutoring and PSHE with a focus on learning the skills to live a healthy life. Students explore their core strengths, and examine how caring for their mind, body, and soul, caring for others and caring for the world around them will help them to thrive.

STEPPING IN **AND UP**

'Our Year 11 into Year 12 Stepping in and Stepping up' induction programme ensures that our new lower sixth cohort each year (returning Y11 students and new joiners into Year 12) will feel settled, welcome and ready to thrive at the top of the school.

Stepping Up is all about grabbing the opportunities available to challenge yourself – whether the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, volunteering with SHINE, our Serious Fun on Saturdays initiative for local children, helping in our local partnership programmes, or being part of our student leadership team.



Sixth FIT CURRICULUM OPTIONS

A different variety of sports and physical activities on offer every term - examples include:

HOME	
Boot Camp Fitness	Nursery Road playing fields (NR)
Boxing/Martial Arts /Self Defence	Sports Hall
Zumba	Sports Hall /Hastings
Netball/Hockey/cricket	Astro at NR
Individual Fitness	WHS Fitness Suite
Pilates	Pavilion at NR
Tennis	Coaching Courts at NR
Table Tennis/ Basketball/Badminton	Sports Hall

AWAY	
Personal Training	Wimbledon Racquets Club, Cranbrook Road, SW19 4HD
Yoga	Hillside Church, 37 Worple Road, SW19 4JZ
Street Dance	Wimbledon Dance Studio, 71 Woodside, SW19 7AF (Diagonally opposite school!)
Squash Coaching	The Wimbledon Club, Church Road, SW19 5AG
Golf	Wimbledon Park Golf Club, Home Park Rd, Wimbledon, London, SW19 7HR

And there are lots of co-curricular options available for those who want more...

YOU ARE PART OF A BIGGER COMMUNITY...

...and can use your exeats to explore what Wimbledon offers just minutes away from the school gate.



FUTURES



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OUR FUTURES PROGRAMME IS ABOUT GIVING OUR STUDENTS A LEADING EDGE IN THE INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE HIGHER EDUCATION ENTRANCE AND EMPLOYMENT ARENAS.

Right from when you start to decide your A level choices, you will get advice about balancing playing to your strengths, thinking expansively and practically, in terms of keeping doors open for higher education and other paths.



Our new Head of Enterprise, Entrepreneurship and Employability seeks out unique opportunities for students as they explore options for careers. Women from all kinds of industries and professions speak to students, hold mentoring sessions and 'fireside chats'.

Acknowledging the importance of an entrepreneurial mindset in the workplace, and how today entrepreneurial skills are important for all careers and individuals and not just those interested in becoming founder CEOs, we focus on developing skills of leadership, communication, innovation and financial acumen, amongst many others, and of course, you may apply for a student leadership position to put these into practice.

My 7 years at WHS helped build my self-confidence, and provided a safe space where I felt I could better understand myself and my strengths. I learned the importance of being an effective communicator and building strong relationships with those around me.

As a governor of WHS now, I'm absolutely delighted to see how (what we used to call) 'careers advice' has developed into something so substantial, and fitting for the professional world of today.

Carmen Palmer
Class of 2015

FUTURES >>>

FUTURES – TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Our **FUTURES FRIDAY** newsletters are emailed weekly - a compilation of opportunities for work experience, internships, apprenticeships, gap year planning and higher and further education news.

Every Thursday and Friday afternoon, students from Years 9 to 13 can walk into the **FUTURES SURGERY** for an individual discussion about careers, perhaps highlighting the areas in which they would like more support or in order to ask about CV writing or work experience applications.

I have found the service a great way to explore future career opportunities as not only are there a huge range of different subjects and careers included, but also a range of formats, whether this be work experience, conversations with professionals, or just general tips for applications/CVs.

Jennifer Year 12





BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

A curated collection of talks, seminars and workshops will, we hope, empower you with the knowledge and skills to make the transition from school with confidence.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Looking after your mental health
- Healthy eating on a budget
- Staying safe
- Looking after your physical health
- The importance of sleep

BEING INDEPENDENT

- Personal finance
- Budgeting
- Managing your time
- Where to go for help
- Planning for your future
- Practical tips and tricks

RELATIONSHIPS

- Maintaining old friendships
- Developing new friendships
- Understanding your identity
- Finding your community

HIGHER EDUCATION ADVICE

Our Director of Higher Education and Careers will guide you through the university application process.

- You'll have tools at your fingertips such as Unifrog.
- You'll follow a programme of activities and speaker sessions.
- You'll have guidance interviews and a personal mentor in school to help you with UCAS (university applications).
- We organise mock interviews with other schools to prepare for courses needing a face-to-face assessment.
- You'll have support with admissions tests, portfolios and application essays.
- We offer a bespoke programme for students applying to Oxbridge and specialist courses, eg: Medicine, Vet Science and Dentistry and those making an application outside the UK, such as colleges in the US.



LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS 2023

Students from WHS have, in 2023, headed to:

50 Different course from **Biomedical sciences, Fine Art, Economics** to **Astrophysics**

35 Different institutions



Approx **40%** are going on to study **STEM** related subjects of which a about a **third** are studying **Maths, Physics, Computer Science**



Over **25%** are studying in London

- **11** UCL
- **5** Imperial
- **3** LSE

3 students gained places to study **Medicine**

3 students gained places to study **Veterinary Science**

3 students embarking on Art Foundation courses

Students are taking up places on prestigious creative courses such as **Architecture at Cambridge, Illustration at Norwich University of the Arts**, and **Costume at The Arts University, Bournemouth.**



NOTES



A GUIDE TO WIMBLEDON Sixth

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST