

Wingate Sixth Form

The right choice for post-16 learning

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You have reached an important crossroads in your life. We hope this prospectus helps you make the right choices.

Joining our Sixth Form means you being a part of the drive and commitment by staff and students to make Wingate Sixth Form Study Centre an environment of excellence for advanced learning.

You will find a constructive atmosphere, one where we are determined to ensure that your time here is successful and you achieve the best academic results you can. Part of our school ethos is that we are a family and as such, we help and support each other. This means that the student, the school and parents work together. Our approach is transparent and we will discuss student progress together on a regular basis.

Wingate Sixth Form is completely selective. An invitation into the Sixth Form is formally made on an individual basis taking into account not only academic achievement but also punctuality, attendance, work ethic & attitude towards study and behaviour. Studying Advanced level subjects is not always the right environment for a student. We will tell you if we feel this is the case. It is not automatic that a student passes from Yr 12 to Yr 13.

All AS & A Level courses are academically demanding, they require success at IGCSE and you will need a minimum of 5 A* to C grades or levels 9 to 5 to include English as a First Language and Mathematics. Some subjects require a minimum entry level of A* to B or 9 to 6 grades.

Entering Wingate Sixth Form is a big step. There are lots of challenges and opportunities, many exciting and many demanding. Although you are expected to be responsible for managing your time, any non-contact lessons should be considered to be an extension to your lessons and the time used for personal further study. This will give you the opportunity to develop independent study skills, further your curriculum studies, research career options, take online courses and undertake school-based work experience. Project work is a feature of many A Level courses and you will be expected to complete this work in these study times or, if you are working in a team, you can work together in S4 or S5 classrooms in the Sixth Form Study Centre. There are also classrooms allocated for silent study. You will be expected to take responsibility for your own learning with the help, advice and support of your teachers, tutors and supervisors.

Alongside your studies you will have the opportunity to take on a range of responsibilities such as organising charity events or assisting with activities in school. Indeed, the expectation is that you do carry out extra-curricular activities based on your interests and future plans. We actively encourage you to undertake work experience during the holidays. These enhance your university or job applications and help make you a 'well-rounded' individual.

For new students whose first language is not English and who may find the technical English language too difficult to study at Advanced level, we may be able to offer a place in Year 11. This will give you the opportunity to study a number of IGCSE subjects where we expect you to achieve at least a grade C or level 5 in First Language English, Mathematics and other chosen subjects. This option allows you to improve your English skills and also introduces you to the technical terminology that is a part of all subject examinations. The following year, you may be eligible to begin your studies for AS & A levels in Year 12 but under the same criteria as all other students.

For Wingate students coming through from Year 11, you will have to meet the subject grade requirements stated in the prospectus for the subjects you wish to study. You may be given the opportunity to retake Year 11 as a Year 11 student to improve your grades, leading to the Sixth Form the following year (subject to the conditions stated above).

You can find out more about subjects and courses from your teachers, from the information in this booklet, the school website www.wingateschool.com and by researching on the internet.

The Sixth Form Study Centre has been set up to facilitate and support academic study. You should understand that we are a school and not a College. As such, you should think of Year 12 as an extension of Year 11 where the strict dress code and school rules must be adhered to.

Year 12 Dress Code:

There is a strict dress code in the Sixth Form. The following is compulsory for all Year 12 Students from September 2023.

Remember, **Wingate is a school, not a college:**

- Students must wear the Wingate Sixth Form Polo Shirt
- A plain grey sweatshirt or jumper. It must be plain and smart enough to be worn out of school should you wish. No other sweatshirts or jumpers are allowed
- Black, dark blue or grey coloured trousers or knee length tailored shorts for male and female students
- **ABSOLUTELY NO HOODIES, NO DENIM CLOTHES OR RIPS IN TROUSERS**
- School sports kit can be worn and training shoes can be any reasonable or neutral style or colour. The school tracksuit can be worn in cooler months
- Rules on hair for students remain as they are in the Seniors. Females may wear their hair down but the rules remain the same on colour
- Students should have, tidy hair male students should be clean shaven
- Students can wear 2 small stud earrings per ear. No other visible piercings or visible tattoos are permitted.
- Nails can be painted but of a reasonable length not 'talons'! Especially for those students choosing to take the sports Leaders Course.
- One necklace and 1 wristband or bracelet is permitted.
- Makeup should be kept to a minimum
- The Sports Leaders t-shirt and shorts are also available from the uniform shop

Students not respecting the dress code, will be given 1 warning. Subsequent breaches will mean students are sent home to change. If any member of staff deems your dress to be inappropriate, then it is inappropriate. A persistent lack of adherence to the dress code will result in disciplinary action as per the School Behaviour Policy. If you are not sure – **don't wear it!**

Chromebooks/Laptops and Mobile Phones: Students are permitted to use their own Laptops/Devices but must adhere to the Wingate Online Safety Policy. Mobile phones are banned in the main school area and may only be used at break and lunchtime in the Sixth Form. Mobile phones seen or used outside of these times will be confiscated. Mobile phones are not to be used as a substitute for a chromebook **at any time**. Creative subjects may choose to use Apple Macbooks.

Attendance: Regular attendance and punctuality are critical to your success. 100% is always the target but 95% attendance is the minimum. Below 90% will adversely affect your academic progress. Punctuality is also very important with Year 12/13 students having registers taken at 08.55 each day. Year 12 students are not allowed to leave the school at any time during the school day except on a Friday afternoon when, if they have no scheduled lessons, may sign out and leave school. Year 13 Students will be given the privilege of leaving school for lunch. Any student leaving the school for a legitimate reason i.e. medical appointment, must sign out at the school office and back in again on return.

Driving Licence: If students drive their own vehicle to travel to and from school, they are not permitted to transport other students within the school day. This is considered a serious breach of Health & Safety and any students ignoring this rule will be suspended from school.

Part-time students: Students are considered part-time if they only study 2 AS (IAS) or 2 A2 (IAL) Level subjects. If studying a third but as an external student (e.g. Art) this does not contribute and you remain as a part-time student. This means that you are

allowed in school for your lessons and any study or bridging lessons agreed by your tutor or Mrs Tolfrey. The remaining lesson times you are not allowed in school. However, students can opt for a smaller payment which allows them to be considered as 'full-time'. This cost can be found in the fees section. However, students who opt for this extra payment must be aware that full-time means exactly that and are under the same rules as all other full-time students.

A Guide to Life in Wingate Sixth Form

A helping hand

Your teachers are here to help and support you through your studies. They are all highly qualified and skilled in their fields and will offer professional guidance and monitor your progress closely.

You will have regular discussions with your tutor about your progress, as well as support in your career planning. Whatever your next destination is to be - employment, training, college or university, there will be support and advice available.

Wingate Sixth Form is small enough for you to mix easily and get to know staff well, yet equipped to offer you a range of opportunities with quality teaching.

Regular monitoring of progress

Assessments are made on a regular basis. This is to ensure that you are coping with the workload and making good progress. Any problems will be raised swiftly with you and your parents. There will be regular communication with parents to ensure that they are kept fully informed of your progress.

A place to study

The Sixth Form Study Centre is a learning environment. Students are expected to establish the right work ethic early in their sixth form studies. Good AS level grades are the basis and requisite for good A2 level results which will lead to university places for those that choose to follow that route. Printer facilities and Internet access are available.

Extra-curricular activities

We run the internationally recognised Sports Leaders Award. This course teaches students leadership and team building skills vital in the modern World. In previous years, Sports leaders students from Wingate have achieved the highest marks in Europe. We also encourage students to get involved in useful activities such as mentoring, helping younger children or helping within the PE department. We try to give them exposure to the world outside Wingate by talks from outside speakers and trips designed to develop their global awareness. Additionally, we give students the opportunity to take part in fundraising activities though this will depend on Covid-19 constraints.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Students have the opportunity to access this qualification which helps students develop and demonstrate their project management skills and provides opportunities for extended writing, both of which are highly valued for progression to higher education and employment.

Students can tailor their project to fit their individual needs, choices and aspirations with the agreement of their centre. The outcome of the project can be a design, performance, report, dissertation or artefact.

Mentoring and support:

There is an established mentoring Scheme in the Sixth Form and students have access to their Tutor or subject teachers. Students can also discuss issues with Mrs Finnie who is the school Wellness and Wellbeing mentor. Progress reviews are also carried out with students. These help identify areas of good working practices and also areas where improvements to work habits, personal organisation and progress can be discussed. Our aim as a school is to support you in maximising your potential. We expect a strong degree of self-discipline when it comes to learning and encourage you to be responsible for your own behaviour and work ethic.

Every week there is a Personal Development Planning session, where in Year 12 we cover topics such as: time management; revision strategies and study skills. Towards the beginning of the third term students start to focus on career options and job opportunities linked into university courses in the UK, Spain, Europe and world wide. This of course culminates in University applications for the Year 13 students. *Unifrog*® is a software programme we use for careers guidance and many other functions including preparing students' Personal Statement for UCAS or university applications across the world. Students will learn more about this in Year 12 PDP lessons.

Choosing Subjects

Think carefully about which subjects to choose. Clearly, enjoyment of, and ability in a subject is of crucial importance; remember you will be specialising in it for two years. Some subjects are a more advanced continuation of your IGCSE studies while others will be new to you. Find out more about these subjects before deciding which to take. Talk to the relevant teachers', speak to students already studying it and do some research about the topics you will cover.

You can study full-time or part-time, though full-time is preferable in Year 12. Full-time students may take full advantage of all facilities on site. Part-time students are only in school for their lessons and agreed timetable.

The Advanced Courses

Full-time students will normally study four subjects at AS level in Year 12, selecting three of these to continue at A level in Year 13. Students tend to choose related subjects at AS/A level. Of course, students are free to choose whatever combination suits them, dependent on timetable restrictions (see Subject Choice below). Take advice on which subjects would suit you and which would fit your career ambitions. They also depend on your IGCSE results.

AS and A Level Subjects for September 2023

You need at least five IGCSEs at A* - C, or level 9 - 5, to take AS and A levels in Year 12. However, some subjects require at least a B, or level 6 at IGCSE to access the course.

Biology:

Students sit the Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Biology which is available for International centres only. This qualification contains a written exam instead of coursework.

This subject lays the foundation for a wide variety of further studies in Biology based Sciences, from Medicine to Marine Biology.

The IAS has 3 units which are assessed by written exams, Unit 1 will be assessed in the January exam series and Units 2 and 3 in the June exam series:

- Unit 1: Molecules, diet, transport and health
- Unit 2: Cells, development, Biodiversity and Conservation
- Unit 3: Practical Skills in Biology I

The IAL consists of 3 more units which are assessed by written exams, Unit 4 will be assessed in the January exam series and Units 5 and 6 in the June exam series:

- Unit 4: Energy, Environment, Microbiology and Immunity
- Unit 5: Respiration, Internal Environment, Coordination and Gene Technology
- Unit 6: Practical Skills in Biology II

Entry requirements: Level 6 or higher in IGCSE Biology and a grade B or level 6 and above in IGCSE Maths.

Chemistry:

Students sit the Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Chemistry which is available for International centres only. This qualification contains a written exam instead of coursework.

This course provides the foundation for further careers in everything from Medicine to Architecture and Engineering, providing the essential link between Biology and Physics.

The IAS has 3 units which are assessed by written exams, Unit 1 will be assessed in the January exam series and Units 2 and 3 in the June exam series:

Unit 1: Structure, Bonding and Introduction to Organic Chemistry
Unit 2: Energetics, Group Chemistry, Halogenoalkanes and Alcohols
Unit 3: Practical Skills in Chemistry I

The IAL consists of 3 more units which are assessed by written exams, Unit 4 will be assessed in the January exam series and Units 5 and 6 in the June exam series:

Unit 4: Rates, Equilibria and Further Organic Chemistry
Unit 5: Transition Metals and Organic Nitrogen Chemistry
Unit 6: Practical Skills in Chemistry II

Entry requirements: Level 6 or higher in IGCSE Chemistry and grade B or level 6 and above in IGCSE Maths.

Physics:

Students sit the Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Physics which is available for International centres only. This qualification contains a written exam instead of coursework.

The course will enable students to acquire sufficient scientific understanding to continue with further studies in subjects such as IT, Engineering and Maths as well as Physics.

The IAS has 3 units which are assessed by written exams, Unit 1 will be assessed in the January exam series and Units 2 and 3 in the June exam series:

Unit 1: Mechanics and Materials
Unit 2: Waves and Electricity
Unit 3: Practical Skills in Physics I

The IAL consists of 3 more units which are assessed by written exams, Unit 4 will be assessed in the January exam series and Units 5 and 6 in the June exam series:

Unit 4: Further Mechanics, Fields and Particles
Unit 5: Thermodynamics, Radiation, Oscillations and Cosmology
Unit 6: Practical Skills in Physics II

Entry requirements: Level 6 or higher in IGCSE Physics and a grade B or level 6 and above in IGCSE Maths.



English Literature:

We study the Edexcel English Literature syllabus to make the transition from IGCSE to AS level seamless and offer an engaging selection of highly-acclaimed texts. IAS and IAL Literature consist of an in-depth study of prose, drama and poetry set texts. In Yr 12, students prepare for and sit two exam papers, studying the following: a collection of post-2000 poetry (Poems of the Decade); a modern novel (the Kite Runner); and two plays (Death of a Salesman and Othello). In Yr 13, students study for a further two papers, covering the following: post-1900 unseen poetry; two prose fiction texts for comparison on a given theme (The Handmaid's Tale and Frankenstein on Science and Society); Shakespeare (Hamlet); and an anthology of pre-1900 poetry from a chosen movement (English Romantics).

Entry requirements: 9 - 6 at IGCSE in both First Language English and Literature.

Mathematics:

This is a two-year course following the Edexcel syllabuses with students sitting 3 units at the end of Yr 12 and a further 3 at the end of Yr 13. The course consists of four compulsory units plus 2 units making the 6 needed for the full IAL, adding 1 unit each year from the list below:

Two units in Core Maths: Students study 6 units: P1, P2 +1 other in Year 12. In Year 13 you study P3 & P4 +1 other to make the 6.

These cover algebra, calculus, coordinate geometry, functions, graphs, logarithms, numerical methods, proof, sequences, trigonometry, and vectors.

The other two units are chosen from the following:

Decision Maths: It includes algorithms, algorithms on networks and graphs, the route inspection problem, critical path analysis and linear programming.

Mechanics: Mechanics is the study of motion. The topic will include in-depth analysis of forces, velocity and acceleration. It can be applied to all objects from the mundane throwing of a ball to the orbits of the planets and the beginnings of rocket science.

Statistics: This course includes detailed analysis of data, the presentation of data and aspects such as correlation, regression, probabilities and distributions.

Further Pure Maths: Exceptionally mathematical students can also sit FP1 and/or FP2.

Entry requirements: Grade B or level 6 and above at Maths (Higher) IGCSE.

Business:

The Business Studies syllabus enables students to understand and appreciate the nature and scope of business, and the role it plays in society. It encourages a critical understanding of companies and the markets they serve. Students examine the management of organisations and, in particular, the process of decision-making in a dynamic external and global environment.

The course comprises four units: For the AS Course these are Marketing & People and Managing Business Activities, whilst in the second year of the course students will study Business Decisions & Strategy and Global Business. The course prepares students to enter university to study a wide range of business-related topics, to complement almost any other university course, or to enable them to run their own business.

Entry requirements: Students need not have studied Business at IGCSE: The course requires a minimum of Grade C or level 5 at IGCSE in First Language English.

Spanish:

While living in Spain, it is important that our students acquire knowledge, skills and understanding of the Spanish language for practical use, further study and/or employment.

Students sitting the Edexcel A Level Spanish are assessed on three exams:

Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation.
Themes are based on the society and culture of the language being studied.

Paper 2: Written response to works and translation. This paper draws on the study of two discrete Spanish works: either two literary texts, or one literary text and one film.

Paper 3: Speaking. Students will be assessed on their ability to use a range of language accurately, communicate and interact effectively, summarise and analyse findings from written sources relating to their research subject; showing knowledge and understanding of the culture and society where the language is spoken.

Although the AS is a stand alone qualification, students will be encouraged to sit the AS exam at the end of Year 12 to consolidate their learning and receive an AS grade. Alternatively, students may have the option to sit the full A Level at the end of Year 12.

Entry requirements: To study A Level, a minimum grade 8 at IGCSE Spanish Foreign Language or grade 5 in First Language Spanish.

Psychology:

Students sit the Edexcel Advanced Level (GCE) in Psychology. This qualification contains a written exam instead of coursework.

By studying this subject, students will develop their interest and knowledge of Psychology and it also provides the foundation for further studies and careers in this field.

The AS has 4 units which are assessed by written exams:

- Unit 1: Social Psychology
- Unit 2: Cognitive Psychology
- Unit 3: Biological Psychology
- Unit 4: Learning Theories

The A2 consists of 2 more units which are assessed by written exams:

- Unit 3: Clinical Psychology.
- Unit 4: Criminal Psychology

Students are also expected to know Research Methods which relates to Psychological Skills.

Entry requirements: Students need not have studied Psychology at IGCSE: The course requires a minimum of Grade C or level 5 at IGCSE in First Language English.

International BTEC Advanced Level 3 Art and Design

BTECs are equivalent to three A-levels and enable a learner-centred approach to education, with a flexible, unit-based structure and knowledge applied to project-based assessments. BTECs focus on the holistic development of the practical, interpersonal and thinking skills required to be successful in employment and higher education. The BTEC in Art and Design is designed as a full-time course to support learners who want to study art and design-based qualifications as the main focus of a two-year, full-time study programme. The qualification would support progression to higher education in its own right.

Entry requirements: Students need not have studied Art at IGCSE: The course requires a minimum of Grade C or level 5 at IGCSE in First Language English

Pearson Edexcel Extended Project Level 3

Except in Languages, your final A Level grade is based on the combination of your results from both AS and A2 exams. If you think you have not done well enough in Science subjects or Maths at AS level (Edexcel IAL), you may have the opportunity to re-sit these units through the year but there are restrictions which you need to discuss with your subject teachers.

Subject Combination Choice

Each year we review the combination of subjects in each option block and we endeavour to accommodate students' choices of subjects by structuring the option boxes accordingly. However, inevitably, there may be some areas where a combination of choices will not be possible.

Normally, students choose **four** subjects (one from each block) in total at AS Level in Year 12 and then go on to choose **three** to study at A Level in Year 13.

Year 12 Subject Combination Choices for 2023

Maths	English Lit	Biology	Psychology
Spanish	Chemistry	Business	Physics
EPQ	EPQ	EPQ	Btec Art & Design EPQ

Or

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design full time

Higher Education/University entry

Entry to Universities:

Normally this requires success in three subjects at A level. The higher the grades you achieve, the greater the choice of universities and courses open to you. Universities may also look at your IGCSE results as well as your AS and A level grades. We will help guide you through the process of applying for university in the UK, Europe or further afield.

For students whose first language is not English, there may be an additional requirement to take an IELTS English language qualification for access onto a course taught in English. This is not presently taught at the school and is examined in the north of Tenerife, which you must arrange yourself.

Entry to Universities in Spain: Your A Level results must first be validated by the Spanish authorities (Homologación) before UNED can give an official “Acreditación” for entry into a Spanish university. The minimum requirement for the “Homologación” is two A levels (or two AS and one A level). This can only be applied if students have passed the Social Sciences and Spanish courses in Yrs 8 to 11 and have their IGCSE results convalidated (Homologación), or completed their formal secondary education to age 16 in the Spanish system. Furthermore, each University in Spain has its own entry requirements above and beyond the “Homologación” and UNED Acreditación. This often includes taking further exams in subjects from the Spanish Bachillerato. These exams are in Spanish and are not taught at Wingate, but information will be made available and we will help guide you through the Spanish application process to the university of your choice. If your idea is to study at a Spanish University, you should ask advice from Sra. Barrio, given that the admission requirements have changed recently.

We look forward to seeing you!