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for you and your future

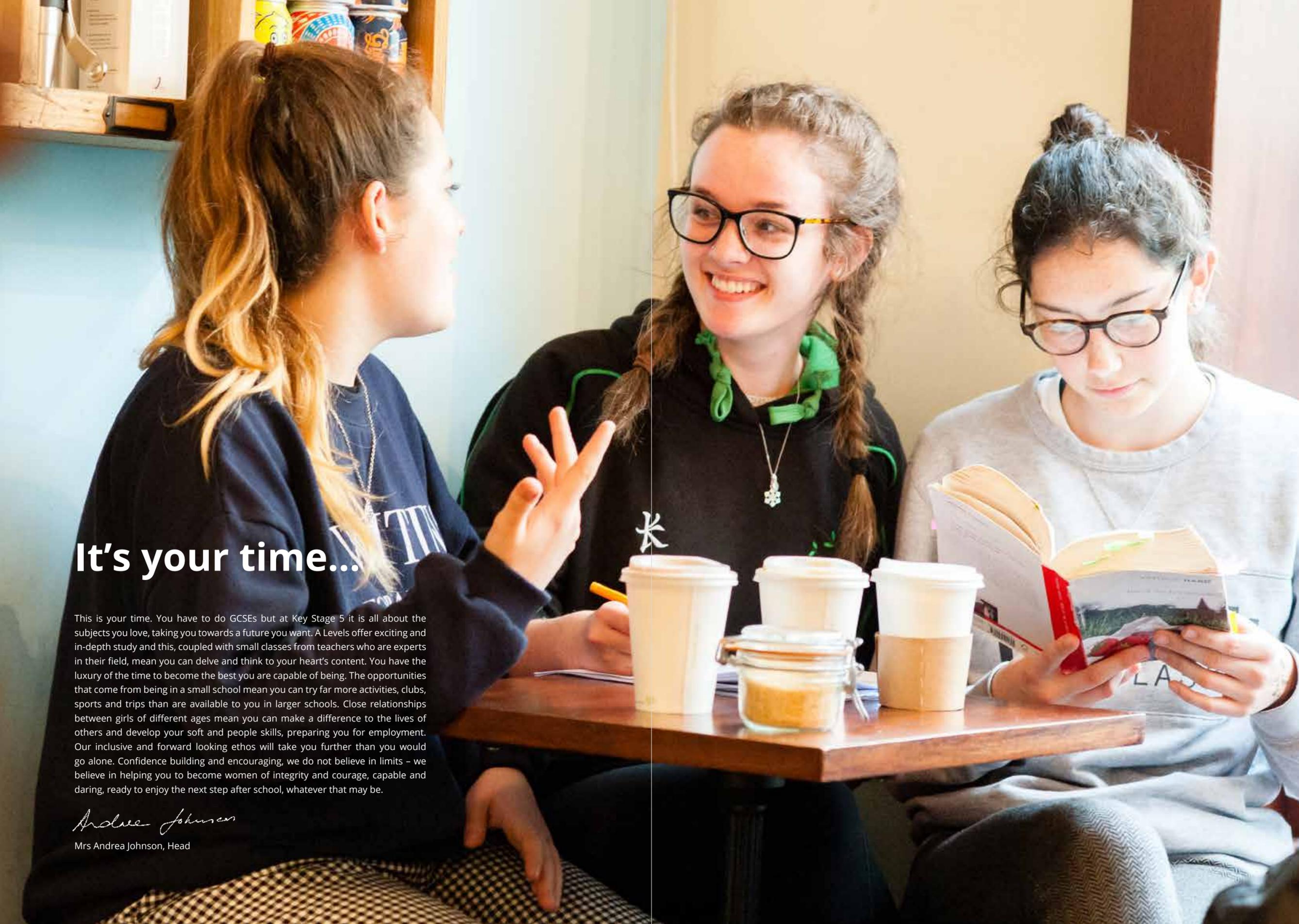


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It's your time...

This is your time. You have to do GCSEs but at Key Stage 5 it is all about the subjects you love, taking you towards a future you want. A Levels offer exciting and in-depth study and this, coupled with small classes from teachers who are experts in their field, mean you can delve and think to your heart's content. You have the luxury of the time to become the best you are capable of being. The opportunities that come from being in a small school mean you can try far more activities, clubs, sports and trips than are available to you in larger schools. Close relationships between girls of different ages mean you can make a difference to the lives of others and develop your soft and people skills, preparing you for employment. Our inclusive and forward looking ethos will take you further than you would go alone. Confidence building and encouraging, we do not believe in limits - we believe in helping you to become women of integrity and courage, capable and daring, ready to enjoy the next step after school, whatever that may be.

Andrea Johnson

Mrs Andrea Johnson, Head



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**A personalised
approach...**

...to academic excellence

At Wychwood we offer all the traditional subjects as well as a wide range of creative subjects.

We follow linear A Level specifications to allow you to focus on building your depth of knowledge, understanding, skills and examination technique to gain as much maturity of expression, analysis and evaluation as possible before taking your examination.

We also offer BTEC qualifications, such as Travel and Tourism and Business. These career-based courses are designed to supply students with the skills they need to progress on to either higher education or straight into employment. It is possible to study these courses by themselves, or combined alongside A Level qualifications.



The approach to Wychwood Sixth is simple: individual attention. Our numbers are such that we really can get to know every single girl and work with your strengths to unlock your potential. We believe in a truly holistic education, so that what goes on outside the classroom is almost as formative as that within it.



General Studies week was so much fun. I can't believe we fitted it all into one week."

Wychwood Sixth student



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What does academic excellence look like?

86%	3	65%
Over the last 5 years 86% of students went to their first choice university	Average class size	Over the last 5 years 65% average A*-B at A Level





**Focused
preparation for
university...**

**...in an
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In alternate years we run University and Careers Fairs where former Wychwood students and invited guests talk to you about their life at University or their career. We also run a series of presentations about aspects of life after Wychwood such as managing money, living away from home for the first time or what to expect during the first weeks of university. You are helped to make your applications to university by the Study (Sixth Form) tutors who advise about courses and universities, discuss personal statements, hold one to one interviews about your choices and prepare you for university entrance tests and interviews. External independent careers professionals are also consulted as required and preparation for university and life skills is a feature of General Studies week, with forums on student finance, university applications and personal statements. We will help you get to where you want to go, be that Oxbridge, an apprenticeship or an art foundation course.





**Focused
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university...**

Applied Medical Sciences

Wildlife Art & Design
Foundation

Conservation

Sport and Exercise Science

Liberal Arts

Accountancy and Finance

Pharmacology

Film & TV
Production **Business**

Diagnostic Radiology

Chemical English
& Drama

Engineering

Law Economics
History of Art

Architecture

Food & Nutrition

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Wychwood Sixth have dedicated facilities where you can work, relax and refresh. When you are not in lessons you are allowed to leave school, be that to go into Oxford to visit a museum or gallery, or go to Summertown for a coffee with friends. You also have a later start every Friday allowing you to have a longer lie-in, should you choose it, for three days of the week in accordance with the research into teenagers' and young adults' sleep patterns. Boarders mostly have individual study bedrooms to which they can retreat to work or rest and many day girls in Wychwood Sixth take advantage of flexi boarding to work quietly in school during exams or as a coursework deadline looms.



University courses
Wychwood girls have
gone on to study

Five things you didn't know

1

We love a dinner

From the Welcome Dinner in September to the Study Ball in June, there are several formal dinners in Wychwood Sixth. Councillors' dinner, Head Girls' dinner, Sports Dinner and Christmas Dinner are all occasions to get dressed up!

2

Trips

Trips are a large part of life in Wychwood Sixth both as part of the curriculum and beyond. Every year we visit a European City for cultural highlights, sightseeing and of course ice cream and shopping.

3

Welcome

Wychwood Sixth is new for everyone. You may be joining from a different school or adjusting from the different emphasis of the GCSE years. To help you settle, we run an induction of team building and fun, that finishes with a dinner. Have we said we like hosting dinners?

4

Staff relationships

Your relationships with staff are different in Wychwood Sixth. The small classes mean you build strong relationships, making sure your experience is the one you need so you leave with the best possible results and are confident for the next stage.

You'll love this

5

We want you to sleep!

On a Friday morning, you are not expected to come in to school until your first lesson with no lessons at all timetabled for Period 1. How you spend that extra time is up to you!

great times

Five viewpoints

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The small class sizes enable us to explore individual problems and interests in lessons.”

Wychwood Sixth student

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Without your teaching, essay planning lessons and your belief in me I would not have been able to achieve what I have so thank you so much! If you had told a younger me that I would get an A* at A Level and then a first in my dissertation I would have thought you were joking! You played a vital part in me being able to achieve this so I just wanted to pass on my thanks and tell you how grateful I am for your wisdom.”

Former Wychwood Sixth student

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The late start on Fridays really helps us to re-energise for the week ahead.”

Wychwood Sixth student

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My time in Wychwood Sixth has been the most character building part of my life. There is pressure applied for you to be as prepared as possible for your life outside of Wychwood, however I have always felt like I can ask for help and we are guided through the whole process; you are never left to deal with things alone.”

Wychwood Sixth student

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Coming into a new school for A Levels was a bit nerve racking but everyone was so welcoming. I love how all the teachers know you personally and are more than happy to take time out to help you. The relationship with teachers and students is really nice, because it is so chilled which makes lessons very enjoyable.”

Wychwood Sixth student

...for learning beyond the classroom

We offer an exciting extra-curricular programme for Wychwood Sixth. This varies from LAMDA to Young Enterprise, MUN to the fitness suite, Space Club to Harry Potter Club.

Our proximity to the centre of Oxford means that you can enjoy many of the activities of a university town. We encourage you to attend lectures, the theatre and concerts, and to visit galleries and museums like the world-famous Ashmolean, both in and out of lessons.

Regular forums – on a variety of subjects – are held during the year at school. The speakers include distinguished old girls, such as Dame Ottoline Leyser, and other experts on topics of general interest.

In Year 12, you have a week off timetable with a focus on moving away from any given curriculum and looking at choices and decisions beyond school. Activities often include a cookery course at Daylesford Organic Farm, a day at an outdoor pursuits centre, an accredited first-aid course, and a London trip, taking in a hit West End show.



Offering
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...for learning
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over
30
extra-curricular
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Time for responsibility, leadership...

...and fun!

And the fun – problem solving and giggles in Hub Challenge, dinners with delicious food and excellent conversation, running socials for the younger years and watching them enjoy themselves, making new friends and re-discovering former friends, and the theatre, cinema, ice cream in Rome, croissants in Paris, chilling in the squishy room, make up sessions, jamming along with the singers, house parties, Golden ticket nights – there's always something to look forward to!



Within school Wychwood Sixth girls play an important role and you will naturally assume some responsibility for the well-being of all. Traditionally Wychwood Sixth girls take part in and give their support to many school activities, and they are respected by those lower down the school as well as by all the staff.

One of the distinctive aspects of Wychwood is the School Council which is responsible for the day-to-day running of the school. During your time in Wychwood Sixth you are likely to be elected as a Councillor and participate in the cooperative government of the school. This provides an opportunity to work together with the staff and to voice opinions in an atmosphere of discussion, debate and understanding.



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I have got to say from my heart I owe where I am to Wychwood. All the great teachers helped me have confidence in my abilities and really invested in making sure I did well and reached my potential. Also I made some great friends.... Thanks for doing an amazing job as I realise even more now how important teachers are in shaping us as adults (even if we didn't appreciate it at the time!)."

Former Wychwood Sixth student



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