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**Gloucestershire School Wotton House gains IB World School status**



**Wotton House School (formerly known as Gloucestershire International School) has been awarded IB World School status and will become one of only 15 schools in the UK authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) to students aged 11 to 16 years.**

“We are extremely excited that we have been welcomed into the family of IB World Schools” explains the school’s Principal, Dr Daniel Sturdy. “Our vision is to teach human skills for tomorrow’s world. We are offering a curriculum that is really fitting for today’s children growing who are up in a rapidly changing world. As an IB World School we will have access to a network of some of the most progressive and exciting schools in the world. The MYP offers the only alternative to GCSEs for students in the UK which is recognized by Ofqual and is regarded as “the best curriculum in the world”. In its University Admissions Officers Report, IBSCA consistently rates the IB as the best qualification for preparing students to thrive at university.

“The MYP provides the academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, and to become critical and reflective thinkers” believes Dr Sturdy. The IB sets out a set of learning outcomes for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, putting a long term, holistic vision of education at its very core. The Middle Years Programme aims to develop active learners and internationally minded young people who can empathise with others and pursue lives of purpose and meaning. The result is young people who are creative, critical and reflective thinkers.

Having been granted **IB World School** status, the school will have access to a network of 2500 schools worldwide that run the MYP programme. “These are exciting times for the school which we set up two and a half years ago when we

couldn't find a school which offered the type of education we believed our three children would need to flourish in tomorrow's world." Dr Sturdy believes a combination of learning in nature and developing the technological skills tomorrow's children will need to thrive are central to the school's success.

Housed in the beautiful historic grounds of Wotton House on the outskirts of Gloucester, the school comprises a city site, coupled with the acres of open space it owns at the Wilderness Education Centre in the Forest of Dean. Dr Sturdy is no newcomer to education, having been involved in the setting up and running of three schools in and around Cambridge. He believes there is huge and increasing demand for new types of schools to combat the massive crisis in education we are currently facing in this country and the epidemic of mental health issues our schools are grappling with.

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