

## Press Release

### Gloucester School Helps Exam Candidates Across the Country.

Wotton House International School has provided exam opportunities for external candidates for a number of years. Principal, Dr Daniel Sturdy commented, "Providing opportunities to independent learners is one of the ways we support the wider community".

This year has seen an exponential increase in potential external candidates looking for a centre that would provide accessed grades to allow them to achieve their qualifications and move on to the next stage of their education or career. The exam boards have allowed assessments to be carried out remotely so learners were no longer limited to registering with centres within a reasonable travelling distance. The school has been inundated with enquiries from people right across England and has tried to help as many as possible.

Wotton House International School is one of a very small proportion of centres providing this service nationally. Dr Sturdy explained, "We have been able to help numerous candidates who have been desperate to achieve grades. For external candidates it has been a very difficult, as although during the pandemic many have been able to continue studying independently without interruption, they have been left in the dark about arrangements and have struggled to find anywhere to assess them. We have had a whole range of home-schooled young people including some with serious anxiety issues or long-term health problems. Several candidates were relying on their grades to get to university. Many had been let down by schools or distant learning providers. Some had had their education disrupted by Covid last year and wanted to improve on their previous centre assessed grades. Two candidates were in local authority care and one was a young refugee."

Wotton House is an international secondary school which offers the Middle Years Programme as a challenging and exciting alternative to GCSEs. It is based one mile from the centre of Gloucester in an elegant 18th century town house on Horton Road set in 3 acres of beautiful grounds.