

WYE with HINXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Parishioners,

IMPERIAL COLLEGE AT WYE


The members of Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council were as shocked as you to hear the news this week about Imperial College's plans for Wye College. The plan to make Wye College the focus of a billion pound Science Research Establishment took us all by surprise.

The parties to the Concordat, - Imperial College, Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council, - have said that they are adopting a consultative approach, but they certainly did not do that before the Press announcement on Thursday.

The Parish Council are, of course, more than willing to enter into consultation about this and have already been in contact with Imperial College, Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council to try to find out what exactly the proposals are, and what this development will mean to Wye. We are also seeking links with other organisations and societies who have particular interests in Wye, the Stour Valley and the countryside around it.

As you know, a public meeting has been called, by Imperial College, on Monday 9th January, but the Parish Council are endeavouring to arrange a meeting with a representative from each party, so we will have more information to be able to work on. It is only through a better understanding of what this development actually means, that we will be able to play our part in safeguarding the interests of the village.

May we urge you to try and attend the meeting on the 9th January, where hopefully, the Project will be explained in detail.



Parish Council Chairman