



# Prospectus

## 2026-2028



# Welcome to Our Sixth Form

We are proud to offer a vibrant post-16 education where every student is known, nurtured and inspired. Our caring, Christian community values individuality and helps students develop confidence, responsibility and leadership.

With strong academic results and expert guidance, we support students in securing their next steps - whether university, apprenticeships or employment. Alongside rigorous study, we provide enrichment opportunities that broaden horizons and strengthen applications.

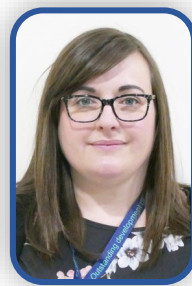
Our dedicated tutor team offers personalised advice throughout your journey, ensuring your programme plays to your strengths and ambitions. We look forward to welcoming you into our Sixth Form and helping you achieve your goals.



**Mr Owen**  
Head of Sixth Form



**Mr Hardman**  
Deputy Head of Sixth Form



**Miss Youdale**  
Sixth Form Support Assistant

## Hello from the Head

Choosing where to study after Year 11 is a significant decision. Here, students are known as individuals, supported to grow in character and confidence, and challenged to achieve their best - academically, personally and spiritually.

Our Sixth Form combines strong teaching with exceptional care. Small class sizes, expert subject specialists and a dedicated tutor team ensure that each programme of study plays to a student's strengths and future ambitions.

I hope this prospectus gives you a clear sense of our culture and what learning here feels like day to day. The best way to decide, though, is to visit: speak to our students and staff, and ask us anything. We would be delighted to welcome you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Cairns'.

*Helen Cairns, Headteacher*





**“In Sixth Form,  
have an evolving  
offer of academic  
and vocational  
subjects. They  
are well equipped  
for next steps.”**

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# Welcome to Sixth Form



**Beatrice Wood**  
**Head Girl**  
*Stayed on after Year 11*

Throughout my time here, I have always felt seen and supported. The consistent help and inspiring examples from the staff at Bishops' have motivated me to reach my potential both academically and in the wider world, and I would not be where I am today without them. Lessons are engaging and taught by enthusiastic teachers who take student feedback into account: your voice is valued, your opinions are respected. There are a variety of extracurriculars and also the opportunity to bring your own project ideas to life, meaning that the development of the confidence and crucial skills required for your next steps are encouraged. I have made irreplaceable friends and memories here.

Over my seven years at Bishops', I've been given all the help and support I've needed to grow as a student and as a person. Teachers who are deeply passionate about their subjects have enabled me to thrive inside and outside the classroom, encouraging me to pursue my interests beyond the curriculum. The leadership opportunities I've had at Bishops' have been integral to my development, helping me become more confident and organised. I couldn't be more grateful for the support and opportunities I've received; I wholeheartedly recommend Bishops' Sixth Form.



**Leo Maxwell**  
**Head Boy**  
*Stayed on after Year 11*



**Joey Barley**  
*Joined us from Abbey Gate*

When I decided to join Bishops' Sixth Form, I was nervous of seeing new faces and people I didn't know, but when I came for the first day I soon realised, everyone here is warm and welcoming, the Sixth Form team especially.

There was a large variety of subjects for me to choose from and I really appreciated the 'swap and settle' they offered, where you could change to a different subject in the first few weeks. This really helped me think about the subjects I liked doing and what I could gain from them.

From the moment I visited Bishops' Sixth Form, I knew it was the right place for me. The atmosphere of the Sixth form area and classes are both friendly and professional, offering the support and resources students need to make the most of their sixth form experience. I was nervous about making the transition on my own, however the staff and students made me feel welcome straight away. My confidence has grown. I've made incredible friends who I know will be part of my life for years to come.

Sixth Form is a community, tutors and students in both year groups, have been amazing providing support and guidance. My time here has been amazing, and I'd definitely recommend Bishops' to anyone thinking about joining.



**Izzy Hooker**  
*Joined us from Shavington Academy*



**Diana Shemchuk**  
*Stayed on after Year 11*

I joined Bishops' in Year 10. I had moved from Ukraine into a new culture, mindset, and language. It wasn't just changing schools, it was starting a new life. From day one, I felt surrounded by kindness and care. That support made me feel confident straight away. This school has provided me with opportunities to become more knowledgeable and to discover a path that I feel strongly about. This informed my A-level choices and established my goals for the future. Over these three years, I've become someone I'm proud of, and that's because of the people here who constantly encourage and inspire me. I love coming to school every day, surrounded by kind, funny, and motivated people. Bishops' isn't just a school to me; it's a place that helped me find who I am and what I want to do.

I stayed on at Bishops' for Sixth Form for many reasons; I loved how small the cohort in my year was compared to other schools which meant every lesson was more personal and inspiring. My time in Year 7 to 11 were very fulfilling, as I felt nurtured throughout and felt the teachers really put their best feet forward teaching every lesson.

The Sixth form is deeply rooted in community which means the leadership team want the best out of every individual, which makes us feel truly known. The atmosphere from the student body and the leadership team create an exciting and very supportive environment.



**Lewis Barratt**  
*Stayed on after Year 11*





**“My child came to Sixth Form from another school. The welcome, ethos, and support has made this an overwhelmingly positive move both academically and personally.”**

Parent, 2025



# Sixth Form in 6

## Be Known

1. Our community of students in Sixth Form are aspirational young people who want to learn and to achieve. They are always seeking ways to develop their knowledge and understanding.
2. We ensure that students have a positive transition experience, working alongside them during their year 11 to ensure they feel confident in their next steps and supported in their course choices through a truly personalised level of support.

## Be Nurtured

3. Our A Level and Level 3 teaching staff are highly experienced, and are in many cases, course leaders. They will support, stretch and challenge you every step of the way.
4. Our students are offered careful and impartial advice on the differing Post-18 routes available. Dedicated staff members provide careers advice, interview coaching, personal statement guidance and application support.

## Be Inspired

5. Life at Bishops' Sixth Form isn't just about results. We place great emphasis on experiences and opportunities to broaden students' horizons such as overseas trips or opportunities to complete work experience and volunteering placements as well as sport and our valued personal development programme.
6. The overwhelming majority of our students achieve their first choice destination, whether that be a top university course in Engineering, Medicine or Architecture, a Gap Year, apprenticeship or employment. Students are supported at every step.







**“Fantastic  
pastoral support  
and staff who  
really know and  
understand the  
students.”**

Parent, 2025



# Inspired & Enriched

When you join The Bishops' High School Sixth Form, you are also committing to the enrichment and support programme that we offer all our students. The next two years of study are vital in ensuring that you are in the best possible position from which to begin the rest of your life.

We know that our A-Levels and Level 3 courses provide the high academic standards you require to enter further study or employment. We also aim to **inspire** you and provide opportunities to develop leadership and teamwork skills beyond your courses; skills that universities and employers want to see in applications. Together, these two elements of your learning prepare you for a career through gaining experiences of leadership, initiative, resilience and communication in a context other than your A-Level courses.

The enrichment programme is delivered through tutor time and dedicated personal development lessons and we consider it to be a key part of our Sixth Form provision. Many of our students complete **peer support** electives and are positive role models to younger students by offering support in both reading and numeracy. This enables them to acquire skills in leadership, communication and teaching. An increasing number of students are also electing to develop their passions through programmes such as the Sports Leadership Programme with the PE department, Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award or use their time to undertake sustained work experience to support their future applications. We are always looking to add to our enrichment programme to expand the opportunities available.

When you join our Sixth Form you will utilise our **Quality in Careers accreditation** and complete elective volunteering or work experience placements in order to enhance your experience and develop employability skills.

## Student Leadership

Giving you opportunities to develop your **leadership** skills is a key focus within the Sixth Form. Supporting school wide events and applying to join our Sixth Form Leadership Team taking on the roles of Head Boy, Head Girl or joining the Social Committee, Pastoral Committee, or Charity Committee. We recognise that giving these opportunities and responsibilities develops your character, builds your confidence and gives you additional skills to support future applications.

As Sixth Form Leaders you are not only developing your skills but acting as role models across the school and inspiring younger students to develop their own passions and talents. There is a strong **community** and **charity** focus within our Sixth Form and lots of opportunities to get involved, whether it be our annual Fancy Dress Day, celebratory Winter and Summer Ball, Christmas Jumper Day... life in the Sixth Form isn't just about study!







# Support and Welfare

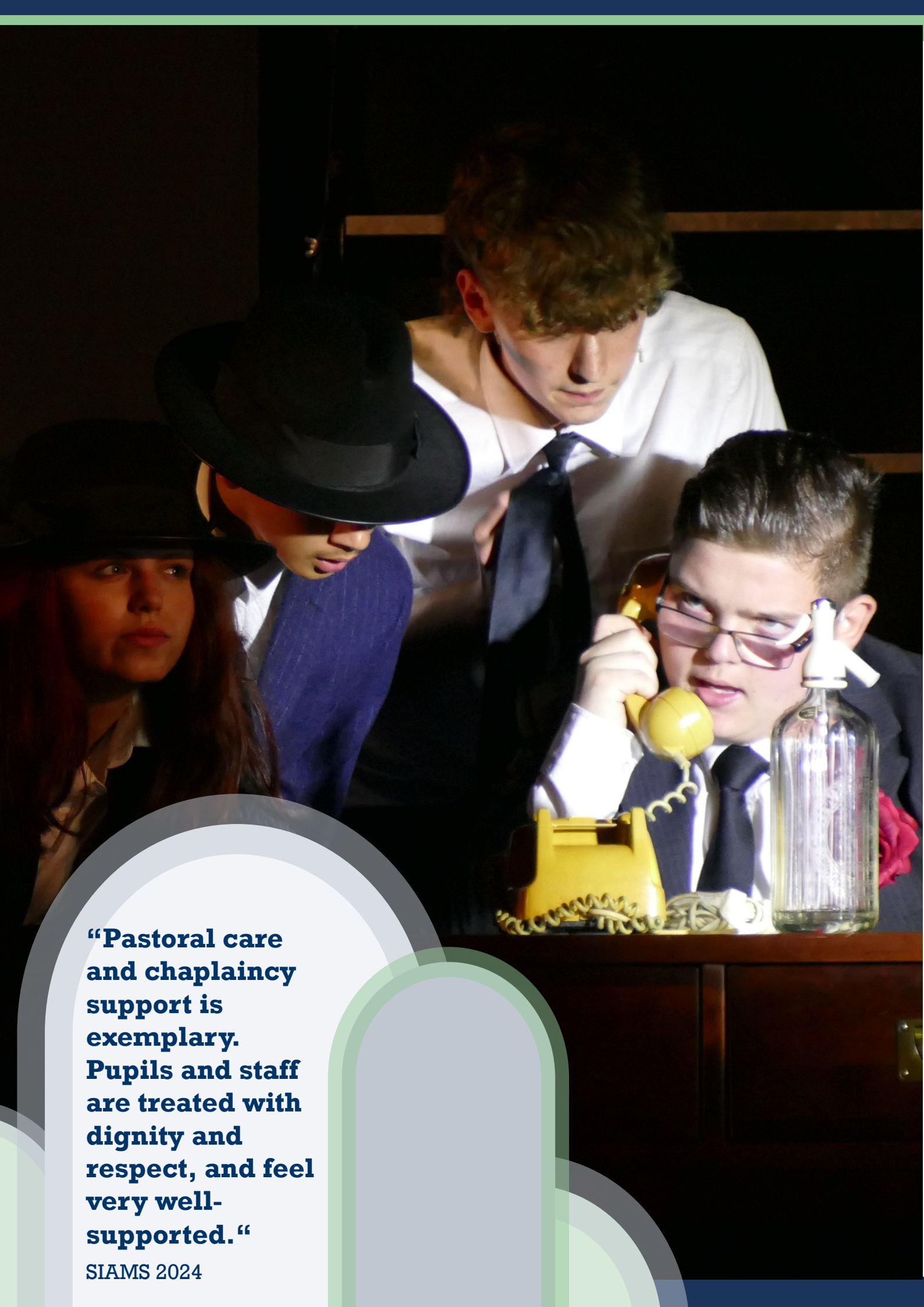
We recognise that the pressures of education can affect students differently. Within the Bishops' Sixth Form we take your wellbeing seriously and have systems in place to support you. We have a dedicated Pastoral Support Officer, Miss Youdale, who is available throughout the day to listen, guide and signpost students with all manner of concerns. We operate an 'Open Door' policy in the Sixth Form where students can call into the office at any time to speak to us and all students have a Form Tutor who they see on a daily basis.

We have a Sixth Form Wellbeing hub which you can use as a space to relax, have some downtime and re-focus. Members of our Sixth Form team are trained Mental Health First Aiders and we also have students who have completed a mental health peer support programme.

Starting on new courses can be a challenge, and our Subject Ambassador programme is designed to give Year 12 students people they can go to in Year 13 aside from the subject teachers.







**“Pastoral care  
and chaplaincy  
support is  
exemplary.  
Pupils and staff  
are treated with  
dignity and  
respect, and feel  
very well-  
supported.”**

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# Destinations

At Bishops' we don't just teach courses - we develop confident, interesting young adults ready for the next stage of life. Our ethos and values shape everything we do, ensuring every student is known, supported and challenged to achieve their best.

This summer's results speak for themselves: outstanding grades across A Levels and Level 3 BTECs, with 75% of BTEC awards at D\*/D (equivalent to A\*/A). These achievements open doors to first-choice destinations - from top universities such as Durham, Nottingham and Lancaster to prestigious degree-level apprenticeships.

Ofsted praised our “meticulous checks, advice and support” that help students thrive. We’re passionate about giving you the opportunity to secure your chosen path - and our record proves it.

Take a look at the Class of 2025's destinations and imagine what yours could be.

## Course and Destinations 2025



Accounting and Finance

Advanced Psychology

Aerospace Engineering

Biochemistry

Biological Sciences with Foundation

Veterinary Nursing

Business and Marketing

### Early Childhood Studies

Business Management

Business with Digital Marketing

### Chemistry with a Year in Industry

Criminology

Digital Media and Society

English and Film

English Literature

Law with Criminology

## Fashion Marketing

Urban Studies and Planning

Fine Art

Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation

## Game Design

Engineering

Geography (Science)

## Graphic Design

Documentary Photography

International Relations and Politics

Media Communications

Medical Engineering

Medicine and Surgery

Nutrition &amp; Health

Sport Rehabilitation

Physical Education

## Physics

Law

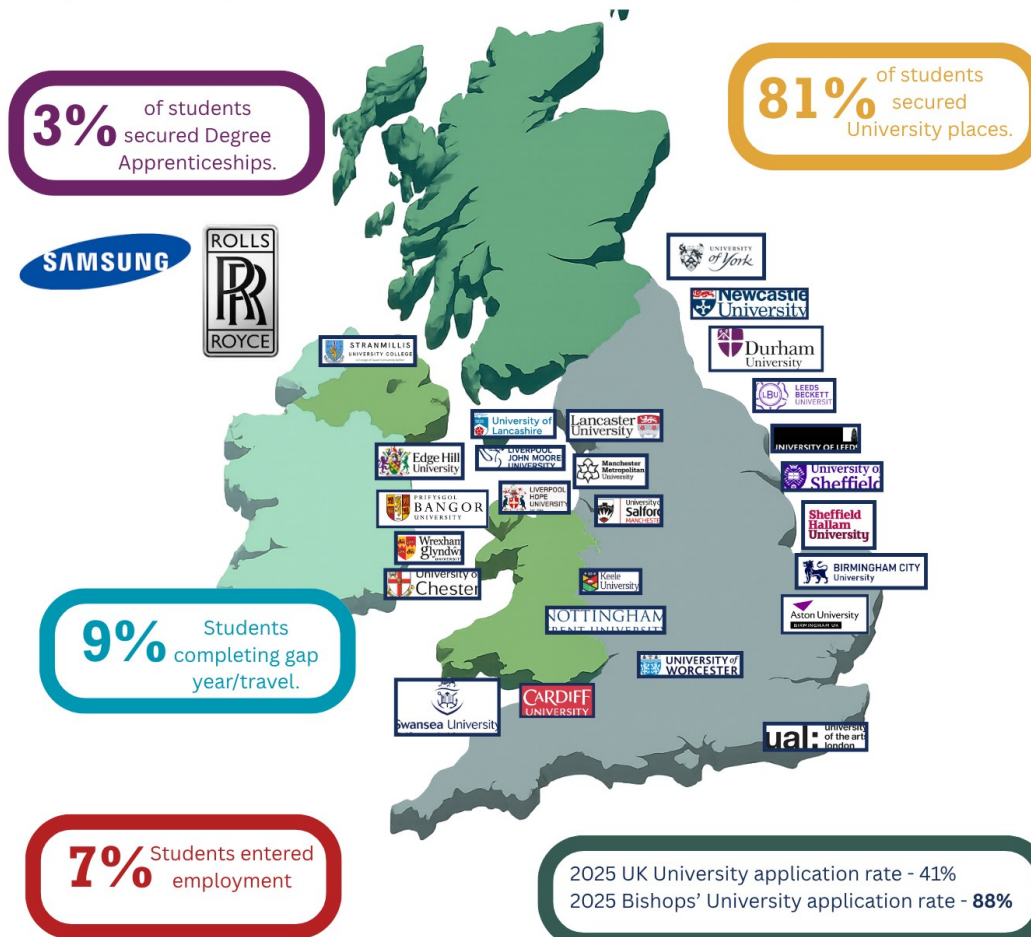
Primary Education (5-11) with OTS

Product Design Engineering

Psychology

Radiotherapy and Oncology

Sport and Exercise Science







**“Students in  
Sixth Form have  
positive trusted  
relationships  
with each other  
and staff.”**

**OFSTED 2025**



# Facilities

Our purpose built **Sixth Form block** helps to create a real sense of identity for our students. We are blessed to have some of the best facilities in the school dedicated solely for Sixth Form use.

Our **silent study** area, complete with a suite of workstations, offers a calm working environment for students to learn independently.

Our **wellbeing hub** provides space where students can take some time out to reset and enjoy some downtime when needed.

We have dedicated Sixth Form **teaching spaces** both within the Sixth Form block and dotted around the campus. Students can take advantage of these outside of their timetabled lessons to continue to work on assignments and practical projects.

Our **Bistro** is open all day for Sixth Form students and provides a welcoming place to study and socialise over coffee and pastries. Students have exclusive access to the Huddle at lunchtime.

We have site-wide **Wi-Fi** so you can work on your own devices, or on one of our Sixth Form laptops, throughout the campus.

Students also take advantage of our dedicated **careers advice and guidance** provision as well as the UniFrog platform to explore post-18 opportunities at universities, apprenticeships and in employment.





# Joining Our Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form comprises around 200 students and we are delighted to welcome those who chose to join us from other neighbouring schools— you will quickly become part of our community.

The entry requirements are the same for students on roll at the school and external applicants.

## Entry Requirements

Minimum requirements:

- A 9-4 grade in GCSE English
- A 9-4 grade in GCSE Mathematics
- A 9-4 grade in three other GCSE courses

## Course Requirements

Meeting the recommended entry requirements for three courses (usually a grade 5/6 ). These are clearly stated in the accompanying course guide along with further information about what you will be studying.

It is important to us that students are on the right courses in order to be successful over their Sixth Form journey— to this end we place a high importance on supporting students in their course choices.

A full version of our Admissions Policy is available on our school website and course guides, as well as further details of the below can be found on our dedicated Sixth Form webpages.

## Applications

Applications couldn't be easier, simply visit the Sixth Form page of our website and click on the Apply Now link.

## Bursaries

Entrants to Sixth Form can apply for means tested bursary funding to assist with costs related to a student's studies following their enrolment. This support is awarded based on household income and is assessed and amended annually.

Further information specific to the bursary or any other aspects of Sixth Form life can be found on our dedicated website; [bishopschester.co.uk/sixth-form](http://bishopschester.co.uk/sixth-form)





“I am so proud to lead the staff and students at Bishops’ Sixth Form. This is a community where students are taught by dedicated expert teachers and are proud of their academic successes. A place where students benefit from the highest levels of pastoral care and are guided by an experienced tutor team who coach and mentor students in their preparations to securing excellent outcomes and to access a broad range of destinations.

A place where each student can achieve fulfilment and rich experiences that equip them in the next stages of life.

A place where students are educated for not only wisdom, knowledge and skills, but also hopes and aspirations.”



*Andy Owen, Head of Sixth Form*

*“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

**John 10:10**







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