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Welcome to Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School !



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Пожаловать

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The International Club

We are a group of students who came to Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School from schools outside the UK. This booklet is for people like us, so that you are prepared for your new school.

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So, what is life like at Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School?

First, the **school values**:
These are qualities that the school likes to see in its students.



Ambition



Honesty



Kindness



Respect

Teamwork



Trust



Uniform

Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School has a really strict **uniform policy**. You can only wear the specified clothes (see picture).

Dark blue trousers can be worn instead of a skirt and black tights rather than short socks. There is also a uniform for sport (see picture).

The list of things not to wear is quite long – see **X**



The School Building

First impressions:

- The school building is new and big.
- There are separate areas for dance, sport and drama
- The school has 3 big art rooms and special rooms for cooking classes (called Food) and for music. There are also many science labs and several computer rooms, as well as general classrooms for subjects like Maths, English and Geography.
- The classrooms are bright and light with plenty of desk space. There are often posters about the subject on the walls and every room has a Smartboard. Students get to use laptops for some lessons.
- The school provides most of what you need for learning as well as books for writing and a diary/planner.
- There is a school canteen which offers hot meals and snacks from 08.00 until the end of lunch (13.00)
- Lessons start with registration at 08.35. We have a break between 10.35 and 10.55. Lunch is between 12.35 and 13.15 and school finishes at 15.00. Between 15.00 and 16.00, the school runs lots of clubs that are free for students.

Teaching and Learning

Year 7 to Year 9 (Key Stage 3, ages 11-14)

If you are in KS3, you study:

English

Humanities

(Geography , History and Religious Education)

Foreign Languages

(French and German or Spanish)

Art

Life skills

Drama



Maths

Science

Music

PE

Computing

Food

Years 10 and 11 (Ages 14-16) are called Key Stage 4:

Students work towards national exams called GCSEs.

All students still take Maths, English and Science, with the additional subjects they choose (see above). They can also choose Citizenship and Health and Social Care.

Teaching:

The teachers are very helpful and kind, and don't shout a lot. The school also has a Learning Support department if you need some extra help.



The Five Houses

When you join the school you will be put into a form group which is part of a House.

The school has five Houses named after famous women:

Jane Austen (House Austen)

[A famous writer]

Rosalind Franklin (House Franklin)

[A famous chemist]

Zaha Hadid (House Hadid)

[A famous architect]

Lily Parr (House Parr)

[A famous footballer]

Mary Seacole (House Seacole)

[A famous nurse]

So, you have Year 7-11 in each of these houses
e.g. your form group might be 8Pa (Year 8 Parr)

Behaviour

The school likes students to:

- Show ambition, honesty, kindness, respect, teamwork, trust (the school values)
- Work hard in class, join clubs at lunchtime and after school, take part in sports and other competitions

Students that act in the correct way will be rewarded.



This usually involves getting house points.

The five houses compete against each other to gain the most points and at the end of the year, the house with the most points has a party.

The school does not like students to:

- Take time off without a good reason
- Be disrespectful to teachers or students
- Arrive late to lessons
- Disturb other students by talking in class
- Run in the school buildings
- Take mobile phones out of lockers during the school day
- Behave badly outside school—especially when wearing school uniform



Students who act in these ways lose house points and are given sanctions like detentions (stay in class at lunchtime).

I think the school is fun and kind and everyone is very friendly.

Juliana

The teachers are really good compared to my old school and the students are more open to other people.

Victoria

I have learnt a lot from being at this school. Some things have made me happy, some not so, but I try my best.

Despoina

Sometimes I feel good about school, but sometimes it can be difficult.

Marinela

I think the school is very good and helpful.

Zlata

The school can seem big at first, but I think the education is good, the teachers are nice, and some of the students, too.

Nourya

I particularly like the art rooms. I love the subject and the teachers.

Yomna

My experience here is good. The people are really nice.

Luysa

I felt nervous at first, but then I found that everyone was friendly.

Naomi

Bishop's is really good since the teachers are happy to help—which is comforting.

Jacqui