



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

Achieving our potential and enjoying the journey

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“ The climate for learning in the school is exceptionally positive. ”

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Respect • Honesty • Ambition • Teamwork • Kindness • Trust

Our Vision

Achieving our potential and enjoying the journey

Excellent teaching

- by enthusiastic, inspirational staff
- in stimulating, creative lessons
- with high expectations for ALL

Academic success

- with outstanding exam results
- by rigorous tracking of progress
- in a supportive learning environment

Personal Development

- valuing happiness and mutual respect
- in extensive extra-curricular activities
- preparing for the challenges ahead

Strong leadership

- promoting high standards of behaviour
- ensuring efficient, effective use of resources
- engaging the whole school community and beyond

“Bishop’s Sixth Form has been the centre of my academic and personal growth, with a strong team of teachers who fuel my passion for success. I will cherish the memories made here. Bishop’s has provided me with the tools to allow me to flourish and achieve my potential.”

Sixth Form Student, Samara Miller

“Bishop’s Sixth Form has granted me access to many opportunities which have been the seeds to my success. Through taking on responsibilities and volunteering, I have been able to make an impact on young pupils and be a role model.”

Sixth Form Student, Georgina Campbell



Why Choose Bishop's?

Individual students will always have their own reasons for joining the Sixth Form but here are some of the factors that commonly play a part in their decisions:

- the school's recognised reputation for outstanding teaching helping students to achieve at the highest level
- the high quality of personal tutoring and guidance from very experienced staff
- excellent collaborative links within the Welwyn Hatfield Post-16 Consortium increasing the range and combination of courses available to students
- the Sixth Form is large enough to provide a good range of viable courses, but not too large that individuals are overlooked
- extensive support for university applications and dedicated support if you wish to apply for Oxbridge, medical or veterinary science courses
- the support given by tutors and subject teachers, often individually or in small groups, helps students to gain confidence and develop the independent learning skills essential for Higher Education
- there are opportunities to develop leadership skills by making varied contributions to the life of the school, e.g. prefects, mentoring younger pupils, running extra-curricular activities, supporting younger pupils in lessons
- all Sixth Form students are valued for the contribution they make to the whole school and for the ways in which they promote the school's reputation within the community



“ Consistently high-quality teaching across the range of subjects and courses enables pupils to make strong and sustained progress. Pupils are taught by subject specialists and teachers’ strong subject and pedagogical knowledge gives confidence to pupils. ”

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“ The preparation for A-level choices has improved to ensure that school staff, together with careers counselling, help learners to choose the best pathways for them. ”

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“ Bishop’s is a school with a really friendly, welcoming atmosphere and both the students and teachers are very accommodating and considerate, making sure new students to the scholl receive all the guidance and support they need. ”

Sixth Form Student, Kaarthika Polanki

“ The Sixth Form and consortium has provided me with the opportunities and flexibility to achieve in a broad range of subjects. ”

Sixth Form Student, Grace Webster

Admission to the Sixth Form

Bishop's Hatfield Sixth Form is open to all students who achieve the entry requirements stipulated and who are prepared to work hard and give full commitment to their chosen courses. Students' commitment will naturally be judged on their attitude to work and to the school during their time in Years 10 and 11. It may be that they have not demonstrated their commitment sufficiently and they will be advised against returning. Interviews will take place in January for current students.

Applicants who are new to the school will be considered for a place based on their references and predicted grades and they will also be asked to attend an online interview. There will be an opportunity to visit the school on an Applicant Day in May. Applicants in receipt of an offer will be required to attend the Sixth Form Induction at the end of June.

Bishop's has a mixed Sixth Form and all are welcome.

“ Parents...are equally complimentary regarding the transfer from Key Stage 4 to post-16 education. ”

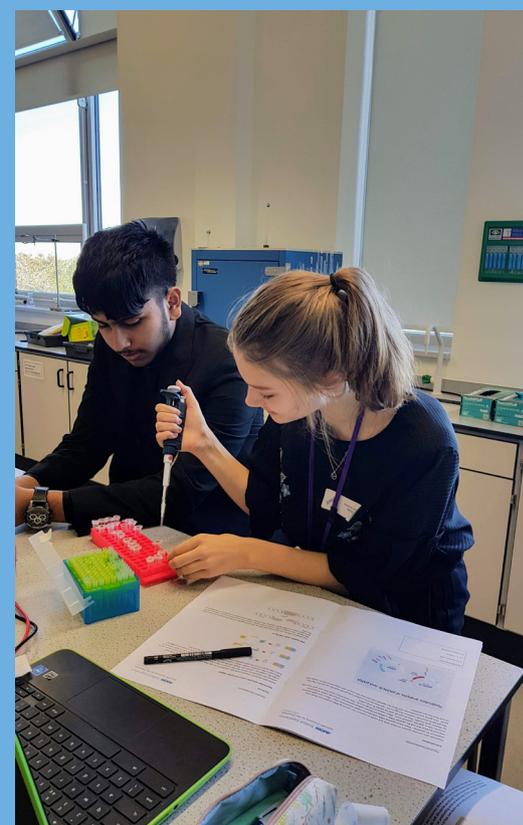
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“ Learners achieve exceptionally well in the sixth form because the strengths found in the 11–16 element of the school are reflected in the sixth form. ”

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“ Excellent personal support and monitoring complement high quality teaching. ”

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Consortium Arrangements

Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School collaborates successfully within the Welwyn Hatfield Consortium which comprises Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School, Monk's Walk School, Onslow St Audrey's School, Ridgeway Academy and Stanborough School.

Common timetabling blocks mean that students can take advantage of a huge range of courses. Some offsite study can help develop independence and prepare students for university life. There is close liaison between the schools to ensure that students' progress on offsite courses is well monitored.

The Consortium can give students the security of having Bishop's as a home site, whilst experiencing a new environment at one of the other sites.

Free transportation will be provided for students who need to travel between Consortium schools during the school day.

While studying courses at another school can have benefits, it is preferable not to study more than one subject offsite. Students will be expected to study courses at Bishop's where the timetable allows.

Facilities

Purpose-built, state-of-the-art building including:

- Student Common Room
- Sixth Form Café with Wi-Fi facility
- Sixth Form Study Room for use throughout the school day including before and after school.
- Purpose built Art and Design, Music and ICT suites
- School Library (excellent reference resources and Internet connections)

Work Experience

All students are advised to spend at least a week on Work Experience or Work Shadowing, e.g. shadowing local MP Grant Shapps at the Houses of Parliament, working at the Royal Free Hospital or Deloitte.

“Governors, school leaders and sixth-form leaders from across a consortium of schools meet regularly to discuss strategic issues, including the post-16 study programmes.”

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“The sixth form is part of a consortium that enables learners to choose from a wide range of courses. The management of this is highly effective in ensuring schools cooperate to ensure that timetables are harmonised and each school is aware of their learners' progress. The consortium has developed the checking of the quality of teaching and learning, resulting in greater consistency.”

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The wider life of the Sixth Form

Sixth Form students play a vital role in the wider life of the school. They act as role models for younger pupils and, through taking on leadership roles, become better prepared for adult life. They contribute in a variety of ways:

- Charity events
- School Council
- Prefects and House Captains
- Supporting younger pupils in lessons and enrichment activities

They are also encouraged to participate in Voluntary Community Service which helps the students through:

- Making a difference to the lives of others
- Gaining work experience
- Making new friends
- Meeting interesting people
- Developing personal and social skills
- Enhancing cv /personal statement / reference

Other curriculum related activities:

- Theatre trips, locally and into Central London
- Visits to Art Galleries and Museums
- Residential field courses for Geography and Biology
- Visits to Parliament
- Local, national and international trips
- Conferences and lectures in Europe, London and locally
- Visiting speakers
- Master classes
- Sports events

“ The sixth form makes a very positive contribution to the school. Sixth formers undertake leadership roles and are effective role models to younger pupils. ”

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“ Pupils continue to be very well supported for their next steps. In Year 12, there is a focus on employability skills such as teamwork and on social responsibility. In Year 13, the focus moves to university applications and personal finance. Learners are aware of high-quality apprenticeship alternatives to university. ”

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Summary of Courses available in the Sixth Form

Advanced Level Qualifications

Art	History
Biology	Law
Business Studies	Mathematics
Chemistry	Media Studies
Computer Science	Music
Drama and Theatre	Music Technology
Economics	Philosophy
English Language	Photography
English Literature	Physical Education
Environmental Science	Physics
Film Studies	Product Design
French	Psychology
Further Mathematics	Religious Studies
Geography	Sociology
Graphic Communication	Spanish
Government and Politics	Textiles

BTEC Qualifications

Applied Science	Information Technology
Animal Management	Musical Performance
Business	Performing Arts
Dance	Music
Health and Social Care	

Cambridge Technical Qualifications

Business
Digital Media
Sport and Physical Activity

Other Qualifications

Childcare (CACHE)
Criminology
Financial Studies (LIBF)
Mathematical Studies (Core Maths)

Destination of Leavers 2021

Subject	Destination
Accounting	University of Warwick
Anthropology	University of Bristol
Business and Management	University of Leicester, University of Liverpool, Bournemouth University, University of Sussex
Chemistry (with placement)	University of Bath
Computer Science	University of Hertfordshire, University of Nottingham (2)
Dance	Liverpool Hope University
Developmental Psychology	University of East Anglia UEA
Economics & Finance	University of East Anglia
Education	University of Hertfordshire, Bishop Grosseteste University
Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	Aston University Birmingham, Imperial College London, University of Portsmouth
English, English and History	University of York, Royal Holloway, University of London
Environmental Geoscience	Cardiff University
Film and Television Studies	University of Nottingham
Geography	Durham University, University of Liverpool
Global Health	King's College London
History	The University of Edinburgh
History of Art	University of York
Illustration	University of Brighton
Interior Architecture and Design	Nottingham Trent University
International Relations and Politics, Politics	University of Sheffield, Aston University, Birmingham, University of York
Law	Cardiff University, Liverpool John Moores University, Nottingham Trent University, University of Hertfordshire, University of Leicester, University of York, University of Sussex
Mathematics	Sheffield Hallam University, Durham University
Medicine	University of Sheffield
Nursing (Children), Midwifery	University of Sheffield, Anglia Ruskin University, Cardiff University
Neuroscience	UCL (University College London), University of Leeds
Pharmaceutical Sciences (with a Year in Industry), Pharmacy	University of Nottingham, University of Hertfordshire
Philosophy	Royal Holloway, University of London
Photography	Royal Holloway, University of London
Psychology, Clinical Psychology and Neuroscience	UCL (University College London), University of Leeds, University of Bristol, University of Hertfordshire, University of Bath, University of Nottingham, University of Lincoln
Sociology and International Development, Social Science	University of Brighton, University of Sussex
Social Work	University of Sussex
Sport and Exercise Science, Applied Sport Science	Bournemouth University, The University of Edinburgh
Veterinary Medicine	University of Nottingham, University of Bristol