
BISHOP'S STORTFORD COLLEGE

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SIXTH FORM





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THE
MODERN
FACE OF
INDEPENDENT
EDUCATION



“We offer the whole package: breadth of opportunities, depth of academic enquiry, both within a future oriented climate of endeavour.”



A Level
pass rate
100%



A Level grades
A*- C
94%



Students accepted at a
university of their choice

93%



Applicants placed at Russell
Group universities

60%

ACADEMIC

We know that academic qualifications are the gateway into many of the universities and careers you will wish to enter. They are a prime focus for us.

Throughout your time in our Sixth Form, you'll be treated as an individual and encouraged to build your own unique academic and extra-curricular programme, based on your interests and aspirations. You'll be stretched and encouraged by expert teachers who will prepare you for success not only in exams but also in how you approach your chosen subjects, learning and critical thinking.

The College provides the perfect launch pad for outstanding performance.





“A top university had been a dream. A top university is now a reality.”

You will develop independent learning skills, whilst fully supported by our expert teaching staff; either in class, in one of our many academic clinics, or one-to-one with your academic tutor, who will oversee your progress throughout your time in our Sixth Form.

If English isn't your first language, you'll get plenty of support from our ESOL team who will help to prepare you for IELTS and Cambridge International exams.



ACADEMIC AND A LEVEL SUBJECTS



A Levels are globally recognised, rigorous qualifications which train your mind to think in depth and critically, and prepare you for university and beyond.

We offer a choice of 25 A Level subjects, enabling you to build a programme suited to you. Most students study three A Levels, unless they are taking Maths with Further Maths.

There are plenty of opportunities to stretch yourself beyond your chosen A Level subjects. Our Scholars Programme will hone your thinking skills and introduce you to university-style seminars with subject experts. There are regular subject societies and opportunities to enter Olympiads – all building your supra-curricular profile. There is also a dedicated Oxbridge and Medics programme.

A Level Entry Requirements

A grade 7 is required in Maths if choosing to study Maths at A Level, and grade 7s in Maths and Science for science subjects. A grade 6 is required for other subjects chosen at A Level.

For our current
A Level course
listing, see our
website.

CAREERS GUIDANCE

You will have an unparalleled level of support through our Higher Education and Careers team as you decide on your next steps after school.



Your dedicated careers advisor will work with you, through regular one-to-one sessions, to explore possibilities and guide you to make informed decisions about your future.

Robust UCAS support is in place, ensuring you receive the best advice on how to prepare your application. International applications are also supported, with guidance sought from a network of external experts.

In addition, dedicated sessions are available if you wish to pursue an apprenticeship pathway, assisting with research and vacancies, application preparation, and the interview and assessment process.

“The amazing Higher Education and Careers team are absolutely fantastic in supporting your chosen path.”



*“ I came here not quite sure
what I could do. I will leave
with the expectation of being
able to do, and do well,
whatever it is that I take on.”*

SIXTH FORM AWARD

Our Sixth Form Award is a unique programme, designed to provide you with the opportunity to develop personally and professionally.

The programme enables you to build a portfolio of skills and experiences and create a path for your future that showcases the aptitudes universities and employers are looking for.

Activities within the award programme are divided into five themed bands. Some activities will gain you externally accredited qualifications, whilst others will build your experience.



“We do not learn for school but for life.”



You are encouraged to complete activities inside and outside of the College, taking ownership of, and controlling the shape of your individual Award.

“I can do it. I feel I will have the confidence of knowing how to function in the new world that we are all going to embrace.”

Award Bands

Qualifications*

Service


Leadership

Intellectual Curiosity

Skills

*Qualifications include, EPQ (Extended Project Qualification), Mini-MBA (Master of Business Administration), IELTS (International English Language Testing System), Sports Leadership and CIE Computer Science.

SIXTH FORM LIFE



Opportunities. So many opportunities. In the classroom, in play, on the sports fields, in the clubs and societies. The chance right there in front of you to get involved. From the minute you join us, life will become busy, but you'll be fully supported by staff and your fellow Sixth Form students to help you settle in.

With many students coming from international backgrounds, you'll find our Sixth Form to be very inclusive. Day and boarding students are mixed across ten Senior School houses (five boys' and five girls' houses), and your house will quickly become the focal point for your time at the College; with the team of staff in each house supporting your pastoral and practical needs.

Our Sixth Form Learning Centre will play an important role during your time with us, and provides facilities for collaborative work, independent study, and relaxing; all in a dedicated Sixth Form space.

“Here there is a togetherness where none of us is as important as all of us.”

A wide range of opportunities are available to you outside the classroom, including our Pathways programme, focused on developing practical life skills, as well as involvement across our performing arts and weekly games sessions, where you can select your level of participation: team games, racket sports, swimming and health and fitness.

Trips and socials run throughout the year. Many trips are linked to A Level subjects whilst others broaden horizons and provide unique sporting opportunities. Destinations include New York, South Africa, Switzerland (CERN), the Netherlands and Croatia as well as our annual Africa Expedition to Zimbabwe and Botswana. In addition, our regular socials, ranging from informal BBQs to formal black-tie dinners and balls, help to ensure your time in our Sixth Form is enjoyable and you leave with lifelong memories and friendships.



BOARDING IN THE SIXTH FORM

Boarding in the Sixth Form is wonderful preparation for what you will encounter in life after school.



“The College is a beautiful environment. I love the people here and the independence that boarding gives you.”

We recognise the significance of independence and provide a structured yet flexible environment that encourages self-reliance and personal responsibility; all under the nurturing guidance of our friendly staff.

Our programme of weekend activities provides ample opportunities to study, sleep and relax, and for fun and enjoyment, through a diverse range of trips, sports opportunities and creative outlets, within which we encourage boarders to explore their passions and discover new talents.

At points during the year, revision sessions, guided by academic staff, are run, and additional support with UCAS applications is available at weekends.

LEAVERS DESTINATIONS 2024

Top University Destinations

Reading
Exeter
Bath
Durham
London (UCL)



2 students
awarded
scholarships at
American
universities

4 students
secured
a place at
Cambridge

93%

accepted at a university
of their choice

Most Popular University Courses

Business/Business
Management

Economics

Engineering

History

Law

Medicine

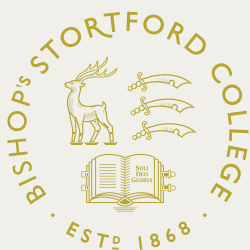
JOIN US



Our Sixth Form is all about giving you the best possible preparation for a happy and successful future after school. The two years fly by as you focus on the A Levels that you have chosen, in subjects that you enjoy and are good at.

Academic success is the foundation of everything we do. We are a selective school on the basis of academic ability, however we recognise that academic success alone is not enough to stand out from the crowd as you look to university, degree apprenticeships, and beyond to the world of work. You will have seen through this prospectus that our approach is different in some important ways. We will encourage you to use your time with us to try out new activities, develop skills and build up experiences. This will ensure that when you leave us, you are well prepared for life beyond school, with a combination of abilities, some social, some academic and with choices – choices as to where to direct your efforts and enthusiasm.

We are, I believe, the modern face of independent education.



Alex Swart-Wilson
Head of Sixth Form



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