

BISHOP STOPFORD'S SCHOOL ENFIELD

2023/24 PROSPECTUS



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WELCOME

Bishop Stopford's School is an Outstanding Christian School that welcomes those of all faiths or none.

Our school has been at the heart of the community for fifty years, delivering outstanding education for generations of North London residents.

Providing a dynamic, modern and exciting learning environment where academic successes go hand in hand with a powerful community ethos that puts each individual child at the centre and ensures a nurturing and harmonious environment. I, the Governors and the very experienced team of staff at Bishop Stopford's School, are committed to highly inclusive education.

At the centre of all our work here is the concept that, 'the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body' 1 Corinthians 12:12

We believe that there are opportunities to learn everywhere and that a breadth of curriculum and extra-curricular experiences inspires pupils to engage in a life-long love of learning.

Our 'outstanding' judgement for behaviour and attitude to learning in both our Ofsted and SIAMS inspections are indicative of living our everyday lives with five key values in mind; consideration, respect, loyalty, responsibility and success. We ensure that all pupils believe in themselves, strive to excel and in doing so, succeed in the future, contribute to their community and take up positions of influence in society.

Bishop Stopford's School is a friendly and welcoming school, offering excellent care, guidance and support, alongside academic achievement.



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OUR VISION

Our vision is to provide an outstanding, inclusive and aspirational education for all our children.

We believe that everyone in our community is capable of achieving beyond their expectations by living each day in all its fullness; spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and morally. We are underpinned by deep rooted values of respect, consideration, loyalty, responsibility and success.

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LEARNING

In line with our school vision, we at Bishop Stopford's School believe that all of our students should have access to an outstanding educational provision that enables them to develop the knowledge and skills that will make them inquisitive, empowered and successful in all that they do.

We believe that all of our students are entitled to an educational learning journey, in line with the National curriculum, which is truly **A BISHOPS** experience. As such the curriculum that we offer focuses on:

- **Addressing inequality and empowering all** – ensuring that there are no barriers to success for our students and that all students are able to access and acquire a rich, high quality education. Enhancing their skills as learners, and enabling them to think big and aim high!
- **Breadth and diversity** – providing our students with a breadth of subjects, knowledge and skill throughout all key stages, enabling them to experience and learn about a diverse range of disciplines and educational content
- **Inclusivity, ambition and engagement** – giving all our students the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills that will encourage and enable them to strive and succeed
- **Securing success for all** – ensuring that students have the necessary skills and knowledge to achieve the success they deserve throughout their educational journey and beyond
- **Harnessing awareness of the world in which we live** – exposing our students to the wider world, and enabling them to gain a greater awareness of the experiences and marvels of the global stage
- **Outstanding values** – instilling the core values that enable us to respect and consider others, interact responsibly and develop successfully as individuals who live, work and support others within our community
- **Progression** – sequencing learning so that student understanding, knowledge and skill are continuously enriched and extended, enabling them to build on what they know in order to learn what they have yet to discover
- **Students** – ensuring that our students remain the central focus of all that we do

KEY STAGE 3

Our students get to experience a diverse range of subjects from the moment that they join us in Year 7.

All of our lessons are delivered by specialist teachers who have a detailed understanding of how to enhance the opportunities available to our students.

Our lessons are much more than simply delivering content. Throughout Key Stage 3, our students will follow the traditional subjects of maths, English, science, French, religious studies, geography, history and P.E. In addition they also have the opportunity to develop their creative talents in music, art and drama; and their technological skills in engineering, computer science and food technology.

Our students have access to well-equipped specialist rooms for the delivery of all practical subjects. Thanks to funding from The Belling Trust we have some of the best equipped technology workshops within the area.

In Year 7 all subjects are taught in mixed ability groups, this enables our students to form strong friendships with their peers and develop support networks quickly, our staff tailor their teaching to ensure that it meets the needs of all students.





KEY STAGE 4

We offer a broad and diverse range of subjects at Key Stage 4, enabling all of our students to choose a pathway that fully supports their skills, aspirations and dreams.

Alongside the core curriculum of English Language, English Literature, maths and combined science we encourage students to study at least 1 facilitating subject at GCSE (French, geography or history), though many choose to study all of these subjects. In addition to progression from all of the subjects offered during Key stage 3, students are also able to study enterprise, media studies, health & fitness and sociology at Key stage 4. We offer both traditional GCSE's alongside vocational qualifications to ensure that different types of learning style are catered for within our offer.

As a church school, religious studies is naturally very important to us and as such all of our students also study RS at GCSE level. This not only provides our students with the opportunity to gain a valuable qualification, it also enables them to explore spiritual ideas and social attitudes, preparing them further for life in the wider world.

The breadth of our Key Stage 4 offer ensures that all of our students have the freedom and opportunity to pursue their own journey to success and supports our wider vision of providing an outstanding, inclusive and aspirational education for our students.

INTERVENTION AND NURTURE PROVISION

Students who struggle with literacy and or numeracy may receive small-group interventions, or if necessary, one-to-one individual support for catch-up literacy, catch up numeracy, and speech, language and communication needs. The school offers small-group nurture provision for students requiring emotional literacy support, and extra-curricular activities are offered via homework club, breakfast club and break-time games club for this cohort.

In addition to this, those students in the early stages of English acquisition benefit from small group intervention with our highly experienced English as an additional language (EAL) team who provide on-going support.

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Christian ethos permeates the curriculum and ensures that moral purpose is central to all that we do.

At Bishop Stopford's School, we believe that all our students should understand what it means to be a good person. We provide dedicated lessons that help our students to understand their place in the world and their moral and social responsibilities within a community.

Our PSHCE lessons cover topics such as bullying, friendship, sex education and spiritual issues. We promote freedom, harmony, love, a belief in personal and social responsibility and respect for British values.

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra Curricular Opportunities

An extensive enrichment programme supports and extends student's learning. Below are some of the activities we have on offer:

Basketball
Football
Netball
Table tennis
Amateur dramatic society
Maths intervention
Geography

Film club
ICT
Homework club
Gaming club
Strategy games club
Chess club
Worship group

Book Club
Cooking Club
String group
Gospel choir
Drum club
Christian union
Art club

Steel pan
Programming club
Philosophy club
Speedy snacks
Maths united challenge



OUR COMMUNITY

We offer our students a wide range of opportunities and excellent learning resources, which enable them to make good academic progress and to develop as individuals. Our teachers are passionate about their subjects, and they ensure that students achieve academic results that are the passport to higher education and fulfilling careers.

Mutual respect and a shared commitment to learning are the foundations of high standards of achievement at our school; we work hard and we have fun too! We track the progress that our students are making as they move through the school. If they fall behind, we take early steps to find out why this is happening, and to help them catch up.

Our students have many opportunities to develop themselves through educational visits and extra-curricular activities. We know that there is a national skills shortage within STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) industries in the UK and so are ensuring that our students are equipped to fill these roles in the future. This is why we have developed a curriculum that ensures access to the best facilities and courses within these subjects. In particular the growth and development of our Engineering department, which allows students to work on industry standard machines for aluminium casting, laser cutting and 3D printing with use of CAD programmes. As a result we now have students at university studying Computer Science, Aeronautical Engineering, Aerospace Technology and Commercial Pilot Training.

Bishop Stopford's School is an enthusiastic and friendly place. We pride ourselves on a very high level of pastoral care, and this is based on trust, tolerance and respect; high levels of discipline are an important part of our learning ethos.

The system is designed to:

- Develop the full potential of all students by carefully monitoring academic progress
- Develop good relationships with parents and carers
- Ensure all students are happy and safe in school
- Provide a full range of extra-curricular activities for students to widen their experience outside the classroom





OVERVIEW OF THE SIXTH FORM

In line with our school vision, we believe that providing an outstanding and aspirational education is key for all of our sixth form pupils.

Enabling students to pursue the pathways of their choice is crucial and so we offer a wide range of academic and vocational qualifications for our students whilst also developing their professional skills which will be needed for the workplace.

As a Sixth Form Centre we are particularly proud of our strong STEM delivery alongside the range of facilitating A levels that we are able to offer, including biology, chemistry, economics, English Literature, history and maths.

We also offer extensive vocational qualifications alongside these more traditional A Level subjects, to ensure that we provide an all-round educational opportunity for everyone. In doing so we are able to support our students in their journey to success and have been able to see a number of our students' progress onto university courses in subjects such as Aeronautical engineering with space technology, bio-veterinary and bio-medical science and civil engineering.

In addition to these courses, we have also developed additional pathways for our students through our partnership with Choppy Cuts Academy, a course that allows our students to study subjects such as English and maths with us part-time, whilst gaining NVQs in barbering and hairdressing.

Throughout their time in our 6th form, all of our students benefit from access to an experienced pastoral team and a comprehensive Careers Support Programme which ensures they are well equipped to make choices in the future and are well informed about the wealth of opportunities for them beyond their time at Bishop Stopford's School.

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