



Information Booklet 2019/20

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please contact admissions@bedmod.co.uk

Open Events

If you would like to come and visit us, please find below details about the open events we offer. To book a place on any of them, please call the Admissions Team on 01234 322659 / 332690 or visit the BMS website.

Open Day

Everyone is welcome to attend our annual Open Day to see the school buzzing with energy and at its best. You will be able to look around our extensive facilities and meet staff and students in the Junior School, Senior School and Sixth Form.

Saturday 09 November 2019 **Morning session:** 10.00am - 12.00noon (last tour at 11.30am)
Afternoon session: 1.00pm - 3.00pm (last tour at 2.30pm)

Please note: The Headmaster's address will take place at 10.45am and 1.45pm and the Junior School Head's address will be at 11.15am and 2.15pm.

Junior School Information Evening

We also hold an Information Evening for anyone who is specifically interested in the Junior School. Come along and hear presentations from key staff and speak to current parents and students over light refreshments.

Wednesday 02 October 2019 Please **arrive by 6.45pm** for a 7.00pm start.

Sixth Form Information Evening

This evening is designed for students wishing to enter our Sixth Form. Staff from each department are on hand to discuss their subject areas and entrance criteria. It is an opportunity for students and their parents to gather information and to find out about the many benefits a BMS Sixth Form education can offer.

Wednesday 09 October 2019 Please **arrive by 6.15pm** for a 6.30pm start.

Action Mornings

Action Mornings provide an opportunity to see the School during a normal working day. Tours are conducted in small groups led by current students. Parents then join members of senior teaching and admissions staff for light refreshments. All dates will be published on the website during the course of the academic year. Tours start promptly at **9.45am** and end at approximately **11.15am**.

Private Visits

You are also welcome to visit the School on an individual basis in addition to, or instead of, coming to one of our open events. Please telephone the Admissions Department on 01234 332690 or 332659 to arrange a convenient time. Your private visit of the School would normally involve a tour which lasts about an hour.

Registration

The deadline for completed registration forms to reach us is **Sunday 01 December 2019** for entry in September 2020.

Assessment Dates

All boys and girls wishing to enter Bedford Modern School must sit our entrance assessments.

Note: Ages and Year Groups given are those which your child will enter in September 2020, not those in which your child is presently.

Ages 7+ to 10+ for Junior School Entry into Years 3 - 6

Monday 13 January 2020	Years 3 - 6 Computerised Assessments (7+ to 10+)
Tuesday 14 January 2020	Years 3 - 6 Computerised Assessments (7+ to 10+)
Wednesday 15 January 2020	Years 3 - 6 Computerised Assessments (7+ to 10+)
Thursday 16 January 2020 (if required)	Years 3 - 6 Computerised Assessments (7+ to 10+)
Saturday 18 January 2020	Years 3 - 6 Reading and Writing Assessments (7+ to 10+)

Ages 11+ to 14 for Entry into Years 7-10

Saturday 11 January 2020	Years 7 - 10 Assessment and Interview Day (11+ to 14+)
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Age 16+ for Entry into Sixth Form

Saturday 18 January 2020	Sixth Form Interviews (16+)
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Our/Your Decision (Results)

Results will be sent by first class post on Monday 10 February 2020. We are unable to give results before this date. If an offer of a place is made it is accompanied by various forms. Completion and signature of the Acceptance Form indicates that you wish to accept the place offered and that you understand the Terms and Conditions of Acceptance (which can be found at www.bedmod.co.uk).

The deadline date for acceptance is Monday 02 March 2020. Any places not accepted by this date may then be made available to late entry candidates. If the School is able to offer a bursary award, the financial assistance details will be included with the offer letter.

Events after Enrolment

We hold Junior, Senior and Sixth Form New Parent and Student Information Evenings during the Summer Term prior to entry in the September. Information on uniform, term dates, tutor groups and so on, is provided and it is an opportunity to discuss any last minute queries that you may have. Students will also meet their form tutors or Head of Year at these events.

Junior School students, Years 7, 8, 9 and Sixth Form students will attend a Move Up Day in late June/early July. Years 7, 8, 9 and Sixth Form students also have an induction day just before school resumes in September.

Entrance Assessments

Ages for entry are taken as of 31 August, eg candidates for Year 3 entry must be SEVEN but not EIGHT by 31 August of the year of entry into the School. The days of the assessments are deliberately kept as informal as possible by the School. We realise that it can be a very unnerving experience for candidates and so we do our best to put them at ease throughout the day.

Bedford Modern School allocates children into different Year Groups using the following terminology:

	Junior School				Senior School				
BMS Year	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12
Age*	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16

*at the point of entry

Admissions Procedure

For all age groups a completed Registration Form together with the registration fee and a copy of a birth certificate should be sent to the Admissions Manager. We will then request a reference from the candidate's previous school asking for general details on the student's career there. Parents should always notify the previous school of their intentions to move their child. Candidates requiring access arrangements, such as extra time or a laptop, in the entrance assessments must provide a report from a Specialist Teacher, Educational Psychologist or Consultant along with their registration form for this to be considered.

Entrance Assessments into the Junior School (Years 3 - 6)

The Junior School Assessment is split into two sessions:

Session 1 - a week day morning or afternoon in January

A series of computerised assessments, interspersed with breaks and refreshments. The computerised assessments are designed to test:

- A child's developed ability (non-verbal reasoning)
- Reading ability
- Abilities in general mathematics and mental arithmetic
- Spelling (Year 5 and 6 only).

Session 2 - a Saturday morning in January

- **Reading** - a typed passage will be provided by the school for the children to read. Questions will be asked to demonstrate understanding.
- **Creative Writing** - a stimulus will be discussed and explored by candidates who will then be given approximately 15 minutes to plan their work and approximately half an hour to produce.
- **Fun Activities** - children will be put into groups with children of the same age to join in a series of activities. Although they are designed to help them make new friends and feel more comfortable with the surroundings, they will be observed throughout the process for behaviour and co-operation skills.

Entrance Assessments into the Senior School (Years 7 - 10)

Year 7 candidates will complete five elements as part of the assessment:

1. **English creative writing** - Candidates are asked to produce a piece of creative writing based on a piece of stimulus material provided
2. **Mathematics written paper** - A paper covering written numeracy and basic skills in shape and space and data handling
3. **A series of computerised tests** - Candidates will sit a series of computerised tests that measure reasoning with words, numbers, shapes and designs
4. **Interview** - Candidates will have a short interview with a senior member of staff which focuses on their academic and co-curricular strengths and interests, which will also include an assessment of their reading ability
5. **Group activity** - Candidates are placed in groups to carry out a series of activities designed to assess and demonstrate their ability to problem solve and work in a team as well as their leadership skills.

Years 8 and 9 candidates will complete five elements as part of the assessment:

1. **English creative writing** - Candidates are asked to produce a piece of creative writing based on a piece of stimulus material provided
2. **Mathematics written paper** - A paper covering written numeracy and basic skills in algebra, shape and space and data handling
3. **A series of computerised tests** - Candidates will sit a series of computerised tests that measure reasoning with words, numbers, shapes and designs
4. **Interview** - Candidates will have a short interview with a senior member of staff which focuses on their academic and co-curricular strengths and interests. In addition candidates will be asked to bring in an object they would be happy to discuss during the interview
5. **English Oral** An assessment where candidates will be given a passage to read aloud and then asked to answer questions relating to the passage.

Year 10 candidates will complete five elements as part of the assessment:

1. **English written paper** - Candidates are required to complete a comprehension task and a creative writing task
2. **Mathematics written paper** - A paper covering KS3 content up to National Curriculum level 6
3. **Science interviews** - Candidates have short interviews covering each Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) to determine the topics they have covered in the subject areas and how well they think they can talk about them
4. **Pastoral interview** - Candidates have a short interview with the Head of Year which focuses on their academic and co-curricular strengths and interests
5. **A series of computerised tests** - Candidates may also be asked to sit a series of computerised tests that measure reasoning with words, numbers, shapes and designs.

Entrance Assessments into the Sixth Form (Year 12)

Applicants are strongly advised to attend a Taster Day which take place in November. To book onto a Taster Day, please call the Admissions Team, on 01234 332212. Once a student is registered, they will be invited to visit the School for an interview in January of the year of entry. They will have an interview with two members of Sixth Form staff as well as having the opportunity to meet current Sixth Form students who will talk to them about their experiences of the School. Whilst these interviews are informal, students may be assessed on their knowledge of their chosen subjects. Candidates will also be required to produce a piece of written work, which they must submit prior to interview and are expected to gain a minimum of Grade 6 at GCSE in the subjects they wish to study at A Level. Their ALIS* score must also be 6.0 or higher and they require a minimum of Grade 5 in both Maths and English.

*The ALIS score is a total of the GCSE grades divided by the number of subjects taken.

Fees List Academic Year 2019 - 2020

Note: these are the figures for the academic year 2019 - 2020. Fees are reviewed and are expected to increase annually.

Fees (tuition fees only)

Junior School **£10,074 per year**

Senior School **£13,821 per year**

Sixth Form **£13,821 per year**

Registration Fee

Payable by parents for each pupil on first application (non-refundable)

£100.00 (cheques made payable to Bedford Modern School). Alternatively payment can be made online: account number 92732971, sort code 40-10-02. Please also add your child's surname, initial and BMS in the reference section.

Acceptance Deposits

Payable by parents for each child on acceptance of a place

£500.00 (cheques made payable to the Harpur Trust)

(see Harpur Trust *Terms and Conditions* for information on how and when the Acceptance Deposit may be refunded)

Additional Deposit (payable by parents/fee payers who reside overseas)

£3,500.00

Extras - Lunch Charges

Autumn Term **£251.10**

Spring Term **£214.65**

Summer Term **£210.60**

Extras - Music Tuition

Half Hour Lessons **£29.00 each**

Twenty Minute Lessons **£18.92 each**

Extras - Hire of a school instrument

Full size, per term **£50.00**

Half size, per term **£25.00**

Extras - Dance Lessons (per lesson)

Junior School Ballet/Modern Dance **£9.00**

Senior School Modern Dance **£10.10**

Paired Ballet/Tap **£14.15**

Individual **£21.00**

Extras - Speech and Drama Lessons (per lesson)

Group **£10.65**

Paired **£16.80**

Individual **£26.90**

Extras - After School Care

Per Session **£4.25**

Bursaries

A bursary is an academically competitive, means-tested award offering financial contribution towards school fees. Bursaries are only available to those who are successful in our entry assessments and assistance is not guaranteed if a place is offered. Bursaries are given at the discretion of the Awards Committee and on the student's performance in the Entrance Assessments. The School has a limited fund and we attempt to help as many families as possible. All assistance is awarded appropriate to the candidate's ability and the value depends on parental income. Please refer to the Harpur Trust website for further information.

Early registration is recommended for bursary applicants as the online assessment details will be sent once we receive the completed registration form and registration fee. The deadline for the online bursary application is Sunday 01 December 2019 and applications will not be accepted after this date.

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