

# Welcome

## to Bedford Modern School

“ The ethos in the School community encourages pupils to flourish and grow into self-confident, well-informed young people with a strong sense of who they are and what they believe in. ”

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“ I feel confident that my children will achieve their academic potential at BMS, without them feeling under undue pressure. I like the rounded approach and I think this is well illustrated by the head boy and head girl, who are achieving so much in so many different fields - academic, sporting and drama whilst at the same time managing their leadership duties. I would not send my children to a school that achieves academically at the expense of everything else. ”

Parent of Year 7 student



# Introduction

Here at Bedford Modern School we provide an inclusive, positive and inspirational environment where care of the individual is at the very heart of all we do. We encourage every student to reach their full potential whatever their strengths and thanks to our team of dedicated teaching staff our academic achievements are outstanding. However it is the co-curricular activities and learning outside of the classroom which adds so much to the lives of our students and as a result they leave us well prepared for the next stage of their lives.

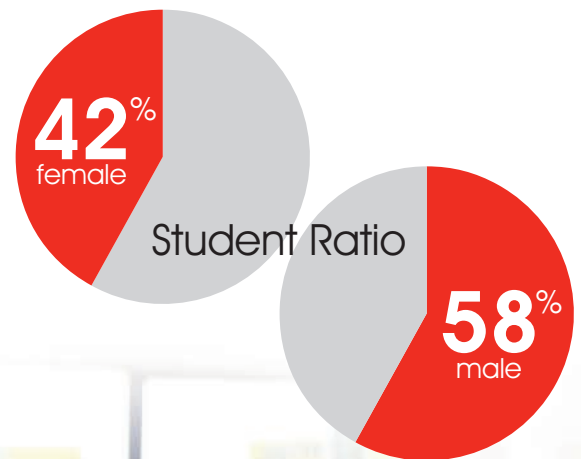
Throughout this document you will read testimonials from both students and parents along with quotes taken directly from our most recent inspection report all of which describe the School far better than I ever could.

Alex Tate, **Headmaster**



“ Everyone at BMS is very supportive. It's easy to make friends and I can always rely on the teachers for support and encouragement.”

Elizabeth, Year 10



“The pupils' positive approach to their studies, exemplary classroom behaviour and high quality committed teaching are reflected in good, and often rapid, progress and substantial academic achievement at all levels.”

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“Relationships are excellent throughout the School, which is a lively and purposeful place; the pupils are very proud of it and feel a strong sense of belonging.”

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“The School demonstrates harmonious co-existence, in which pupils understand and respect the range of backgrounds, cultures and faiths represented, which helps to develop a strong cultural awareness and positive relationships.”

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## WRAP AROUND CARE

A breakfast club (food available for purchase) runs from 7.30am to 8.30am in the Rutherford Building.

*Junior School: 8.40am - 3.45pm*

Students are supervised from 8.00am on the playground. Co-curricular activities run every day after school. After School Care is also available until 6.00pm (currently £4.25 per session from 4.30pm).

*Senior School: 8.40am - 4.00pm*

Common rooms open at 8.00am and close at 4.30pm. After 4.30pm students may go to the Library (until 5.00pm) or After School Care in Common Room 1 until 6.00pm.



BMS at a glance





*“Pupils demonstrate a spirited and purposeful approach to everything that they undertake. They are highly motivated, see learning as a collaborative process and are eager to make the most of their opportunities.”*

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**“Since Year 3 my son has had unique opportunities that are second to none within the co-curricular programme to broaden his experiences, skills and qualities, contributing to his holistic development as a young man.”**

Parent of Year 10 student



**“Bedford Modern has given me many opportunities to grow, particularly in music and drama. I feel that the passionate teachers in both of these departments have acknowledged my shared enthusiasm and have inspired me to achieve more than I even thought I could. I am looking forward to what the next few years will bring.”**

Imogen, Year 10



*“Pupils are friendly, polite and welcoming. They express themselves very clearly, communicating highly enthusiastically about learning, teaching, drama, music, sport and other various activities.”*

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## FEES 2019/20

Junior School  
£10,074 per annum

Senior School  
£13,821 per annum

Lunch  
Average of £225.25 per term

Music tuition  
From £18.92 per  
20 minute lesson

Dance Lessons  
From £9.00 per lesson

Speech and Drama Lessons  
From £10.65



**“The number of opportunities available at BMS is incredible. Extra-curricular activity is encouraged greatly, with a huge range of activities available all year round. It gives you the chance to go outside your comfort zone.”**

Gregory, Year 11



*“Pupils throughout the School reach high standards of personal fulfilment across a wide range of activities. The extra-curricular programme is extensive and many successes, from local to national level, are achieved in a variety of fields.”*

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## BURSARIES

All Bursaries are means tested.

For Academic Bursaries (Years 7 - 12) students must gain a high overall score in the table of assessment results.

Bursaries are also available in the following areas: Performing Arts (Year 12), Music (Years 7, 9 and 12), Art/DT (Year 10 and 12) and Sport (Year 9 and 12). Applicants must pass entrance assessments and subject-specific requirements also apply. Early registration is recommended for all bursarial applicants.



*“Provision for sport is an extremely strong feature of the School and participation levels are high.”*

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“Pupils demonstrate high levels of knowledge and understanding, with skilful practical application of what they have been taught.”

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“This year has been really great. I've achieved all I've wanted and so much more. All the teachers have been great helping me with school work as well as anti-bullying commitments. The co-curricular opportunities have been amazing and I can't wait for another year where I can continue to improve both academically and artistically.”

Molly, Year 11



## REPORTS/PARENTS' EVENINGS

### *Junior School*

During the academic year there will be two parent consultation evenings in November and April, where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's form teacher to discuss progress to date. In addition to these, children will be issued with a report grade card in November, a full written report in March and a final report grade card at the end of the summer term. In September and January there are parent information meetings regarding the forthcoming curriculum and visits details.

### *Senior School*

Parents receive a formal communication every half term which, depending on the year group, is made up of a combination of interim report grades, internal exam results and written reports as well as at least one parents' consultation evening per year at which parents meet tutors and subject teachers.



*“The caring and supportive example set by the staff is mirrored in the way pupils behave towards one another.”*

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## HOMEWORK

### *Junior School*

Year 3

20 minutes per evening  
*moving to*

Year 6

30 minutes per evening

### *Senior School*

Year 7

40 minutes per evening

Year 8

60 minutes per evening

Year 9

60-90 minutes per evening

Year 10 and 11

90-120 minutes per evening

### *Sixth Form*

4 hours per subject,  
per week

*“Lessons in all areas of the School show excellent and imaginative planning, and graded tasks cater extremely well for pupils of all abilities.”*

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BMS at a glance





“Throughout the assessment period we felt that the BMS staff really engaged with and got to know our child, alleviating any worries that he may have had, especially about the entrance test. The information events that have been held have been extremely helpful for us and the move up days for our son have provided him with an idea of what adventures lie ahead for him in September.”

Parent of Year 3 student

## KEY DATES

Deadline for registration  
**01 December 2019**

Years 7 - 10 assessments  
**11 January 2020**

Years 3 - 6  
computerised tests  
**13 - 16 January 2020**

Years 3 - 6 assessments  
**18 January 2020**

Year 12 assessments  
**18 January 2020**

“Pupils are mature, articulate and eager to benefit from the many opportunities presented to them. They realise their responsibilities to others and, extremely well prepared for the next stage of their lives, they are ready to meet the challenges of the future.”

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