

# JUNIOR SCHOOL

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# Welcome

to Bedford Modern Junior School



At Bedford Modern Junior School the children are the heart of all that we do. It is a friendly, happy place where children enjoy excellent, enthusiastic teaching in first class surroundings. Our caring and supportive ethos ensures that children will quickly flourish as we help them explore their talents to the full and look to develop their potential.

We provide a motivating and inspirational yet purposeful environment. The children are challenged intellectually, creatively and physically whilst developing an enthusiasm for learning and a desire for success. New students quickly settle in and experience a feeling of belonging.

They have many chances to shine through our extensive co-curricular programme and are given a broad and balanced curriculum from the start.

**Joanna Rex**

Head of the Junior School

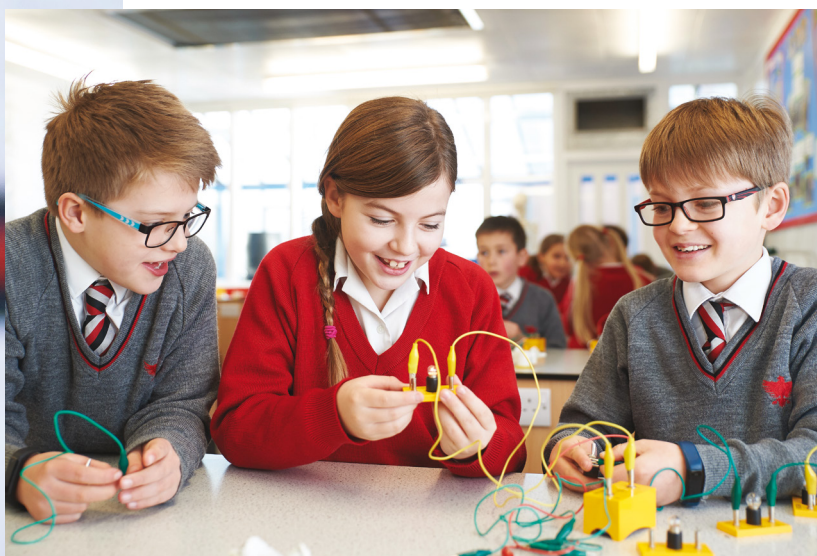




## Facilities

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**T**he Junior School is purpose built and safely situated at the edge of a 40-acre, wooded site with spectacular views over Bedford and beyond. It includes light and airy classrooms alongside specialist rooms for Art, Design Technology (DT), Science, Music and ICT. A newly refurbished library is a much-used resource and our most recent extension includes the striking Christopher Fry Hall, which offers a large, airy and flexible performance space. The youngest students benefit from a specially designated Year 3 suite of classrooms and a playground just for them, to help them settle in swiftly.



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The admissions process was structured and well organised, providing real clarity about what we had to do and when, as well as being fun for our child.

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## Curriculum

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The curriculum is devised to enrich the students' learning and provide them all with a broad balance of subjects and activities. We teach all the core subjects; English, Maths, Science and Humanities as well as Sport, which includes PE and Swimming, Languages, Art, DT, Music, Drama and ICT. This provides the students with a chance to experience success in a particular area whilst unearthing hidden talents. This in turn increases self-confidence and develops a real thirst for learning.

We also offer a wide variety of educational trips to enhance the students' understanding of the subjects they are studying as well as the world around them. We offer trips to places such as Kentwell Hall and the Black Country museum, as well as residential trips, which continue to develop the children outside of the classroom.



## Co-Curricular Programme

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Students who participate in co-curricular activities develop higher academic results, better relationships at school, and are more likely to lead healthy, active lives when they leave school. Students also feel a greater sense of belonging and have a higher self-esteem at school when they participate in structured sporting, performing arts and other activities.

We offer more than 50 inspiring co-curricular clubs ranging from tennis to choir to scrapbooking and many more, so there really is something for everyone! All clubs, apart from ski and squash clubs, are free of charge and usually run until 5pm. There is also an extended wrap around care service, with provision from 7.30am until 6.00pm (food available to purchase at breakfast - after school care is £4.25 per session from 4.30pm).

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The teachers at BMS are really kind, caring and fun. They help us and make sure we feel comfortable in each lesson. I was quite scared when I started, but my teachers helped me to realise it wasn't scary speaking up in class.

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Our daughter joined BMS in Year 3. Not only has she flourished academically, but she has immersed herself in numerous extra-curricular activities, from sports to speech and drama. The most notable progress has been in her self-confidence, which continues to bloom.

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## Student Support

**W**e are committed to ensuring that all students fulfil their academic potential. Naturally, this means that some require extra academic support in light of any educational provision they would benefit from. The School has its own specialist Academic Support department, which works with students requiring extra support and guidance. In addition, we also believe that our most academically able students should receive specific, targeted opportunities to ensure that they are stretched and challenged. We identify those in a variety of different ways and then offer specific focus and opportunities to encourage them to excel. We also have dedicated Sixth Form monitors in place, who engage with and encourage the Junior School students to seize all opportunities available to them.



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BMS has become like a second home and the staff like a second family. All the staff know and understand our son and they provide him with the encouragement, support and recognition that makes him more inspired to learn and perform at his best. The two way communication with the school and staff mean as parents we are engaged with all aspects of his life at BMS.

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## Moving On

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### Transition to Senior School



ur Year 6 students become accustomed to life beyond the Junior School during the course of the year in a variety of ways, such as a dedicated move-up day in the Summer Term and an increasing use of some facilities in the Senior School. They are not expected to sit an additional assessment to enter Year 7 but will spend time with the Assistant Head for Years 7 and 8 and the wider pastoral team to help make their transition as smooth as possible.



# DISCOVER MORE

## Key Dates

Taster Days

06 - 20 November 2019

Deadline for Registration

01 December 2019

Years 3-6 Computerised Tests

13-16 January 2020

Years 3-6 Assessments

18 January 2020

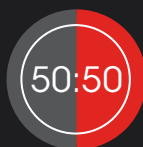


## Fees

£10,074 per annum



Four houses –  
Encouraging vertical integration  
throughout the School



Girls:Boys



50+ co-curricular clubs  
(offering something  
for everyone)



Small class sizes cultivate a  
nurturing environment catering for  
each individual's needs



Extensive sports facilities with  
four days of physical activity  
in the weekly curriculum  
promoting a love of sport and  
enhancing wellbeing

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