

# SENIOR SCHOOL

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# Welcome

to Bedford Modern School



**C**ombining a 250-year-old tradition with a modern outlook Bedford Modern School is an unpretentious, tolerant community where all students can flourish as individuals. 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 consistently outstanding.

We also inspire our students to develop a sense of curiosity and a love of learning outside of the classroom by providing a breadth of stimulating co-curricular opportunities with the focus on participation, enjoyment and accomplishment.

Our plans for the future are ambitious. Our four aims: to inspire, engage, encourage and cultivate, drive all that we do to ensure that BMS provides a truly modern and relevant education delivering excellence in all aspects of school life.

We want students to leave us with high academic attainment but also the emotional intelligence and self-awareness that allows them to adapt and flourish in the fast-paced world in which we live.

Do come and visit us at one of our open events, have a private tour or just come along on a Saturday when we play host to a plethora of sporting fixtures. You will always find a warm welcome waiting for you.

**Alex Tate**  
Headmaster



## Facilities

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**T**he School is located on the outskirts of Bedford with commanding views of the Bedfordshire countryside. Facilities are clustered throughout the School together with a purpose-built, state-of-the art Science Centre.

Extensive and impressive sports facilities include two astros, netball courts, a fully-equipped fitness centre and indoor sports hall, a boathouse on the banks of the nearby River Great Ouse, a number of rugby, football and cricket pitches and a swimming pool on site.

We also have comprehensive performing arts and music facilities including a 300-seat auditorium, individual music practice rooms, a dance studio and two drama studios.

The Rutherford Building, home to our Sixth Form, houses a fully-staffed study centre, café and modern lounge. The Junior School sits separately within the 40-acre site.



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

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## Curriculum

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The Senior School curriculum offers an appealing combination of breadth and depth. Throughout this time our students study subjects for their own intrinsic value and in preparation for attaining the best possible outcomes.

All students benefit from a common curriculum in Years 7 and 8 which concentrates on the core subjects of Mathematics, English and Science as well as three humanities, three languages, and dedicated lessons in ICT, Design Technology, Music, Art and Drama.

Subject selection involves students and their parents as early as Year 8. Students continue to follow all the core subjects with a measure of choice being introduced. From Year 9 there are four options (with one Language being compulsory). Choices include Latin, Design Technology, Art, Drama and Music.

At GCSE students take a core of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and three separate Sciences. They then choose four other subjects, one of which must be a Humanity (Geography, History, Religious Studies, Classical Civilisation) and one must be a Language (French, German, Spanish or Latin).

Other options at GCSE include: Art, Design Technology (of which there are two), Computer Science, Drama, Music and Physical Education.



## Co-Curricular Programme

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We offer an extensive programme of activities catering for all interests and strengths. Clubs range from yoga to fencing, Warhammer to climbing, and animation to chess. We also have a very active House System which encourages healthy competition across all year groups and provides leadership development opportunities.

The three most popular co-curricular activities are Performing Arts, Music and Sport. Every year we stage multiple shows and concerts and a large number of students take additional Speech and Drama, Music and Dance classes. We celebrate local, regional and national success in a variety of sports from rugby and football to swimming, cross-country and rowing as well as more unusual sports such as skiing.

In addition, in Years 7 and 8, we offer an outdoor and adventurous education programme to develop independence and new skills. From Year 9 the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme are open to all on a voluntary basis.

Every year we run a huge variety of trips, ranging from afternoon visits to local places of interest right through to a month trekking and carrying out community projects in the developing world.

A community service programme is a fundamental part of school life and includes on-going voluntary work opportunities and the organisation of fundraising events for good causes.

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My son has had unique opportunities that are second to none within the co-curricular programme broadening his experiences and skills and contributing to his holistic development as a young man.

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This year has been really great. I've achieved everything I've wanted and so much more. 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.

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## Student Support

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**A**t BMS we believe that all students should be extended beyond the curriculum and we offer a number of exciting opportunities including trips to museums, galleries and other places of educational interest, whether they be in Britain or overseas.

Academic Extension Days are arranged for whole year groups annually and throughout the year other events are organised which are carefully planned to inspire and stretch students.

The School has its own specialist Academic Support department which works with those students who require extra support and guidance. This allows students to work with specialists to supplement their learning in a dedicated space that provides a calm and private area in which to concentrate. Some children arrive at BMS with difficulties that have already been diagnosed; other children are identified through our rigorous and consistent screening processes and subsequently assessed by one of our own specialist teachers.

Students can also visit our Study Support Centre to get support and guidance with organisational skills, revision techniques, preparation for exams or any general questions or concerns.

I have achieved things I never thought I would, and I've always been encouraged to push the boundaries and dare to dream. BMS isn't just a school, or a place to work, it's a family.



## Wrap Around Care

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**A** breakfast club (food available for purchase) runs from 7.30am to 8.30am in the Rutherford Building. The School Day begins at 8.40am and finishes at 4.00pm. Common Rooms open at 8.00am and close at 4.30pm, after which time students may go to the Library until 5.00pm or to After School Care until 6.00pm. A range of co-curricular activities also take place every day after school.

## Bursaries

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**W**e offer academic bursaries as well as specialist subject-specific awards in Art, Design Technology and IT (ADIT), Performance Arts, Music and Sport. All applicants must pass the entry assessment and for subject-specific awards additional entry requirements apply. Bursaries are means tested and early registration is recommended. Further details are available from our admissions team.

# DISCOVER MORE

## Key Dates

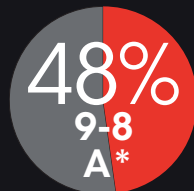
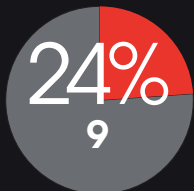
Deadline for Registration and  
Bursary Applications  
01 December 2020

Year 7-10 Assessments  
09 January 2021



## Fees

£13,821 per annum



GCSE Results 2020



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



Six Houses –  
Encouraging vertical integration  
throughout the School

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