

SIXTH FORM



Welcome

to Bedford Modern Sixth Form



Our Sixth Form is made up of those students who decide to stay at BMS to take their A Levels together with those who join us from a host of other schools and colleges. All are equally welcome.

It is evident that, in most cases, all are keen to complete their schooling in a vibrant co-educational environment. They see co-education as the natural step in preparation for the realities of their chosen future pathways. Some come because of our excellent academic reputation and others choose us in order to take advantage of the diverse co-curricular activities we offer.

Our aim is always to help students plan their future direction and meet the goals that they strive to reach. We encourage students to maximise their time in the Sixth Form by balancing the inevitable hard work with the array of developmental opportunities on offer.

The CCF, academic and social societies together with our fully embedded Outreach Programme incorporating our local, national and international charity initiatives ensure that there is something to cater for all tastes.

Our philosophy is clear: work is important and results do make a difference but ultimately personality and passion are just as significant. We prepare students not only for A Level success but also for life at university, work-related training or indeed a GAP year experience and for life in the years well beyond school.

John White
Director of Sixth Form



Facilities

The Rutherford Building, our Sixth Form Centre, has been designed to support and stimulate students during this all-important transitional phase of education. It houses a state-of-the-art, fully-staffed study centre, café and modern lounge. There is also a purpose-built Science Centre, with faculties clustered throughout the School.

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.



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I never felt like the 'new' person at BMS. Everyone was so accepting and I fitted in straight away making the transition to a new Sixth Form really easy.

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Curriculum

We offer a flexible curriculum with 28 subjects available and a team of dedicated learning mentors to help students meet their academic goals. Year on year we achieve consistently high results across the board, providing students with access to first choice universities and work placements. Most students select four subjects of study in Year 12 with the expectation that three of the subjects will be pursued to A Level in Year 13.



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The staff are truly supportive, particularly in the Sixth Form, where they will strive to help each and every student achieve their full potential, as well as encourage us to be more independent learners.

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Co-Curricular Programme

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. 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.

There are numerous opportunities to get involved in sport either at a competitive level by representing your House; of which there are six, or by representing the School. The fitness centre is also well used.

Participation in the many productions, choirs and orchestral performances is very high, extremely popular and greatly enjoyed by the large audiences they attract.

Bursaries and Scholarships

We 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. A limited number of Sixth Form scholarships are available to students who excel in certain co-curricular subjects. Further details may be obtained from the School.



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With so many different opportunities under one roof, BMS will teach you far more than simply the subjects you study. From performing in productions, to trekking across Savannas, you won't know what to turn to first.

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Student Support

Fostering personal development is a crucial component of life in the Sixth Form at BMS. We recognise that students are at a crossroads developmentally with a more independent lifestyle just two very short years away. We approach personal development from the simple philosophy that life is about more than just qualifications, specifications and taking examinations. Real life is about making difficult, complicated decisions and we aim to equip students with a set of skills that will help them become well-rounded individuals.

As well as offering a range of leadership opportunities inside and outside of BMS; becoming a Senior Monitor or Head of House is something to which many aspire and is a responsibility taken very seriously.

We run an Enrichment Programme in Year 12 that includes guest speakers on topical subject matters as well as core information of an age-related nature. The Year 13 timetable allows students the flexibility to choose from a wide range of extra activities, with academic and recreational pursuits ranging from the EPQ qualification through to sailing and adventure!

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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.

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Moving On

There is a wealth of support in place to help students make their university, work or training choices, including:

- Transition programme into Year 12
- Year 12 Careers Day and a dedicated Careers Advisor
- Specialist Oxbridge, medical and UCAS information evenings
- Guidance with UCAS applications
- Individual interviews regarding personal statements and GAP year opportunities.

DISCOVER MORE

Key Dates

Taster Days
TBC

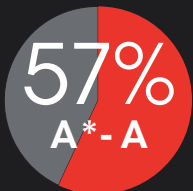
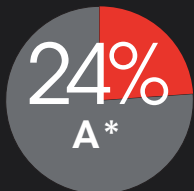
Deadline for Registration and
Bursary Applications
01 December 2020

Year 12 Assessments
16 January 2021



Fees

£13,821 per annum



A Level Results 2020



Small tutor groups cultivate a
nurturing environment catering for
each individual's needs



Six Houses –
Encouraging vertical integration
throughout the School

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