



Bishop Heber High School



Prêt d'accomplir



Welcome to Bishop Heber High School



I have the pleasure of enclosing our School prospectus. Bishop Heber High School is an 11-18 foundation school which is situated in the picturesque village of Malpas and serves the local rural community and villages of South West Cheshire. The School has an enviable reputation for excellence both within its catchment area and far beyond, into East Cheshire, Shropshire and North Wales.

Our vision is of a school in which **respect, opportunity** and **achievement** can flourish.

Bishop Heber High School provides a safe and caring environment in which we ensure that all students have opportunities that are challenging and rewarding both within the classroom and the wider world.

Our School motto, 'Prêt d'accomplir', summarises our determination to meet the needs of all students through individual support and out-of-hours learning opportunities. We challenge all students to be the best they can be and will never compromise the high standards which encourage students in every year group to achieve, including the Sixth Form where almost all students go on to university.

Our curriculum is enriched by an extensive programme of activities including drama, musical and a wide range of sports.

Our website gives you a greater insight into the School and I am personally available to answer any questions you may have. I would be delighted to give you a tour of our outstanding School.

Mr. D.A. Curry
Headteacher



This is an outstanding school, with an outstanding Sixth Form (OFSTED)

Key Stage 3 Release the genius



Students join Bishop Heber High School from schools in Cheshire, Shropshire & North Wales and we work very hard to ensure a smooth transition from all the primary schools.

At Bishop Heber we are aware of the enormous importance of successful transition from Primary School and for this reason all students are visited in their Primary School. Students are placed in carefully selected tutor groups, which take account of talents and friendships. We plan they will stay with their Form Tutor throughout their first five years at the School. This provides a stable foundation for all our work, with one teacher building and maintaining a strong relationship with each student every day.

We are committed to achieving the highest standards of academic achievement within a supportive, safe and happy school environment unlocking every student's potential. We are always looking to improve and work in partnership with parents and students through our programme of Parents' Evenings throughout the year and a Target Setting Day (STEPS) at the start of each academic year. This means that parents not only have subject-based Parents' Evenings but also meet their child's Form Tutor to review progress, building on strengths and target areas for improvement across all areas of school life.

Student behaviour at Bishop Heber is excellent. There is a clear framework of expectations for behaviour, attendance and achievement. Students' views are important and they are represented at both Year Councils and a full School Council and we have a highly-developed tracking mechanism for rewarding and celebrating good behaviour and individual achievements.


Throughout Key Stage 3 there is extensive programme of advice and guidance through the tutor system which culminates in a supportive options programme to provide information for students and their families about courses, expectations and support for GCSEs. This includes completing ICT GCSE equivalent by the end of Year 9.

“Students achieve exceptionally well in their academic studies and benefit from an excellent curriculum and from outstanding care, guidance and support in everything they do” (OFSTED)

*“Heber is like a big family
but there are many different
families within the big
family”*

*“Nothing compares to the
pride that you feel as a
Heber student”*





“Teachers take pride in our achievements. They have invested in us and want us to do well. It’s really good to have that support behind you.”

Key Stage 4 No ceiling on achievement



Bishop Heber High School has high expectations of all its students and we strive to provide every opportunity to allow students to meet their full potential. Our academic record is excellent, with very good GCSE results placing us consistently in the top 10% of all schools in England.

Most students follow a balanced programme of 10 GCSEs, with a core of Mathematics, English Language and Literature, Science and a Modern Language. In addition, students study P.E. and R.E. Students can choose their remaining subjects from a wide variety of options and we are able to tailor provision to individual needs and interests.

As part of the timetable, an in-depth PSHCE course provides further advice and support for all students to help them to meet the challenges of 21st century society. We tackle social issues such as drugs, alcohol and relationship education, as well as the educational aspects of health, finance, study skills and independent learning.

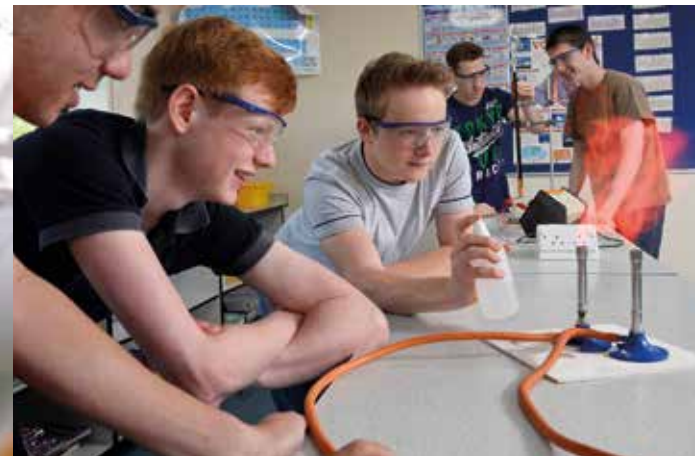
There is an extensive range of traditional as well as applied GCSEs. We have a strong relationship with work-based and Further Education providers. There are vocational options, including 'off-site' courses based within the workplace.

In Year 10, students are offered an experience of the 'world of work' through work experience placements and other opportunities provided by local employers. Our career guidance programme prepares students for the choices available to them after GCSEs within our successful Sixth Form, employment or other training.



“The combination of high attainment and good progress means achievement is outstanding” (OFSTED)

Sixth Form If you want to predict the future,



Bishop Heber Sixth Form is a special place. At an exciting and challenging time in a young person's life, we provide individual attention, a warm and caring environment and the space and support that our students need to grow into happy, successful adults.

Offering high-quality teaching of over 25 A levels, we provide an excellent springboard for university education, apprenticeships or employment. The Sixth Form Team is made up of staff with a wealth of experience in advising and supporting Sixth Form students and a deep understanding of the needs and issues facing young people in their final years in school.

Whilst small enough to care for every student as an individual, the Sixth Form at Bishop Heber is large enough to be able to offer a wide range of qualifications and diverse extra-curricular opportunities. We support every student to reach their potential, whatever their destination.

The environment of an 11 to 18 school allows the Sixth Form to provide leadership to the rest of the school and gives them positions of school-wide responsibility. The running of the Sixth Form Centre is led by the Sixth Form Committee who also Chair the School Council. We are especially proud of the example they set to the rest of the School.

Our excellent results in examinations and the success of our students in the wider world speak for themselves. Whilst the emphasis on academic success is paramount, the broader aspects of life in the Sixth Form are just as important. We provide a wide range of enrichment activities including many trips and visits. Our Sixth Form are always ready to respond to a challenge and play an important role in the life of the School. This includes being involved in mentoring and supporting younger students, as well as showing guests around the School.

“Academic guidance is exemplary in Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form” (OFSTED)



create it!

*“Heber caters for what
you want to achieve
whether it’s university,
apprenticeship or a job”*

*“Heber is ambitious,
students know that good
isn’t good enough.”*

Extra-Curricular Activities

Art Club	Film-makers' club
Athletics	Football
Badminton	Gymnastics
Basketball	History Club
Business Studies Club	Hockey
Circuit Training	ICT Club
Choir	Lacrosse
Colouring, Craft and Chill-out lunchtime club	Languages Clubs
Christian Union	Meditation Club
Concert Orchestra	Netball
Cricket	Performing Arts Production
D & T Support Clubs	Poetry Slam
Dance	Rugby Union
Debate Club	Running Club
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Science Clubs
Drama Clubs	Tae-Kwon-Do
	Theatre Trips
	Ultimate Frisbee

Wider Educational Visits

Art & Design	Music Tours
• Paris, France	• Paris, France
• Amsterdam, Netherlands	• Black Forest, Germany
• London	
• Tuscany, Italy	Sport:
	Skiing
English	• Alps, France
• London	
Geography	Football
• Snowdonia	• Seattle, U.S.A.
• Lake District	• Madrid, Spain
• Sorrento, Italy	
History	Hockey
• Normandy, France	• Valkenburg, Netherlands
• London	Rugby Union
	• Paris, France
Languages	Netball
Exchanges	• Barbados
• Aix-les-Bains, France	Water sports
• Valdepeñas, Spain	• Ardèche, France



“There is an excellent range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities and work experience, including International placements”

Extra-Curriculum Work hard, play hard



Our School provides an exceptional range of extra-curricular activities, with almost all subjects offering residential or day trips during the year. At Bishop Heber, extra-curricular activities are a fundamental part of developing the whole person, allowing every student to find an activity in which they can succeed beyond the classroom.

We believe seeing young people grow in self-confidence and self-worth is a truly enriching experience. The Art Club offers opportunities for students to extend their talents beyond their curriculum time. Sixth Form students are given the chance to work at Further Education Institutions to expand their experiences, including visiting Tuscany.

The Art Department plays an important role within the community, culminating in work being displayed in Malpas.

There are further opportunities to develop creative talents in individual peripatetic lessons and through our numerous clubs. The School Choir and Concert Orchestra has performed at School assemblies, the Royal Northern College of Music and further afield in Europe.

Performing Arts offer opportunities for students to perform both individually and within small groups, as well as residential experiences with other Cheshire students. The Arts subjects annually come together to support our annual school production and Arts' Celebration Evening.

Sport is a particular strength of our School with teams competing at District, County and National Level. We regularly take teams to Europe, Barbados and the U.S.A.

Within Bishop Heber High School, we take great pride in our environment and students are encouraged to participate in this through the Eco-Schools programme. Student Ambassadors manage the School's Recycling programme and help to enhance our environment. Students are also encouraged to support the environment and community through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which offers Bronze and Gold Awards from Year 9. The Air Training Corps, 617 (Heber) Squadron, as well as Malpas Scout and Guides, are also based on the School site.



Opening up a window beyond the classroom

Ready To Accomplish



At Bishop Heber, we are passionate in our belief that school should be about much more than lessons alone. Thanks to our broad educational experience, we unlock potential and get the best from each student. Dedicated teachers, who are subject specialists, have high expectations. There is a focus on individual needs so each and every child flourishes with a genuine spirit of working and succeeding together.

Our ethos is traditional, yet has progressive values which allows our staff to bring out the best in all our students. We offer students all the traditional subjects and activities in a vibrant, enthusiastic and inventive learning environment, where staff go above and beyond to prepare students for adult life.

Students leave Bishop Heber as well-qualified, aspirational and determined individuals ready to accomplish anywhere in the world.

“The outstanding curriculum has had a positive impact on students’ personal and academic development” (OFSTED)



*“The teachers are there to help
you to reach the top but it’s up
to you to achieve that”*

Applying for a Year 7 place at Bishop Heber High School

If you live in Cheshire:

During September of the offer year (Year 6)

Cheshire residents (CWaC and Cheshire East) should be sent an Application Form and Parent Guide by the Local Authority. If your child is attending a Cheshire School and is a non-Cheshire resident, you should receive your Application Form from your own Local Authority.

By the 31st October

This is the closing date for Application Forms to be returned to Cheshire West and Chester Admissions and Transfers Team. You must send your Application Form in by this date as any applications received late will only be considered after all the on-time applications.

This could mean that your preferred school is filled before your application can be considered.

If you live outside Cheshire:

Complete your Local Authority Application Form which should have been sent to you.

If you live in Wales:

If you are a resident in Wales and you are seeking a place at Bishop Heber High School, you will need to complete both your Welsh Local Authority Secondary School Application Form and Cheshire West and Chester Secondary School Application Form.

In all cases:

In order to help Bishop Heber High School support the transition of your child to our School, please complete the enclosed BHHS Register of Interest for the Academic Year and send it directly to Bishop Heber High School marked, "FAO the Headteacher's PA (Admissions)". We will then be able to ensure that your son/daughter is invited to all our Primary-Secondary transition events.



Applying for a Sixth Form place at Bishop Heber High School

Applications are managed directly through Bishop Heber. Please contact the Office Manager to arrange a tour or to speak to the Sixth Form Director of Learning.

"The very enthusiastic staff, who are expertly led, have created the ideal learning environment in which our sons and daughters thrive"

Parent Quote (OFSTED)



“Teaching is good overall, often outstanding. Students are set challenging targets and given detailed advice on how they can reach them. Assessment is exemplary and any possible underachievement is identified rapidly and addressed immediately” (OFSTED)



For more details on the application process please contact

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