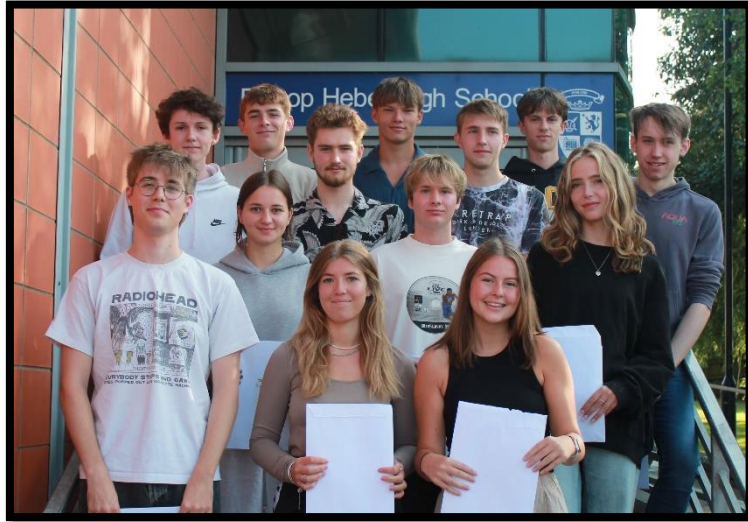


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Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday, 26th October 2023

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Welcome from the Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I have great pleasure in welcoming you to Bishop Heber High School Sixth Form Open Evening

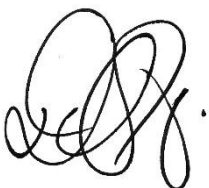
Bishop Heber High School is an 11-18 Foundation School. The School is situated in Malpas and serves the rural community and villages of South Cheshire. We have a reputation for excellence within our catchment area and beyond into East Cheshire, Shropshire and North Wales. Our vision is of a school in 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. The majority of our students go on to study at university, with an increasing number each year securing prestigious higher and degree apprenticeships. Bishop Heber High School continues to maintain an enviable academic record, ranking as the top institution for post-16 attainment in Cheshire West and Chester last academic year. Our curriculum is enriched by an extensive programme of activities, clubs and societies including drama, music, The Duke of Edinburgh Award, and a wide range of sports.

Our Prospectus and website (www.bishopheber.cheshire.sch.uk) gives you a greater insight into our School. If you would like further information or would like a tour of the School, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



David Curry
Headteacher

Programme for the evening

Welcome Presentation

A formal presentation will take place in the Sports Hall (SPH) at 6 p.m. prompt. The speakers are as follows:

Entrance Music: A selection of piano pieces from our sixth form musicians

- Mr. D. A. Curry (Headteacher)
- Nerys Williams and Charlie McMullan (Head Prefects)
- Mr. J. Garnham (Director of Sixth Form)
- Mr. M. Ridley Thomas (Deputy Headteacher)

Sixth Form Centre – Careers Hub / Scholars Programme / Queries / Refreshments

Refreshments will be served in the Sixth Form Centre during the evening with an opportunity to talk to current students about their experience, and to ask any additional questions to members of the school leadership team / sixth form team.

You can also come the Sixth Form Centre to find out more about our careers support programmes and our Academic Enrichment scheme – the Scholars Programme.

Subject Areas Locations

Following the welcome presentation and optional aim higher programme presentation, families can visit subject areas to find out course information, including opportunities to see example work and speak to current students and staff. Please do visit all subjects that may be of interest to help prospective students to make the most informed initial choices about their preferred courses when applying. Please see the rooms / venues for each subject on the next page.

Subject Area Rooms / Venues

Subject	Room	Staff (<i>Subject Leader in bold where applicable</i>)
Art & Design	Ar2	Miss Jones ; Ms Clulow; Miss Montague
Biology	Sc4	Mrs Williams ; Mrs Pedder; Mr Williams
Business	Ec2	Mr Lonergan
Chemistry	Sc3	Dr Clark ; Miss Jones; Mr Calvert; Miss Ognjanovic
Computing	IT3	Mr Mawhinney
Economics	Ec1	Mr Forster
English Language	En3	Mrs Budgen and Mrs Bragg
English Literature	En2	Ms Carlton and Miss Bollard
Food Science & Nutrition	DT2	Mrs Selwood and Miss Ellis
French	La6	Mrs Hennessey
Further Mathematics	Ma2	Miss Leeke ; Mr Lowe
Geography	Gg2	Mrs Jones; Miss Lewis ; Mr Roberts
German	La6	Mrs Hennessey
Health & Social Care	Sc4	Mrs Williams ; Mrs Pedder
History	Hi1	Mr Penlington ; Mr Balmer
Mathematics	Ma2	Mr Quantrell ; Mrs Hamer; Mr Leong; Mr Ridley
Media Studies	IT5	Mr Parsons ; Ms McWilliams
Music Technology	Mu3	Mr Ferrelly
Physics	Sc2	Mr Wilson ; Mr Roberts; Mr Smith
Politics	Hi1	Mr Penlington
Product Design	DT4	Mrs Stockley ; Mrs Taylor; Mr Rutter
Psychology	Ss2	Mrs Mullan
Religious Studies	RE2	Mrs Stubbs
Sociology	Ss1	Mr Upton
Spanish	La6	Mrs Stanisstreet
Sport / PE	PE2	Mr Lindley ; Mr Martin; Miss Smith
Theatre Studies	Dr1	Mrs Cawley ; Miss Pickard
Tourism	Gg2	Miss Lewis ; Ms Wilson

Admissions for Bishop Heber High School Sixth Form

As explained, in our Sixth Form introductory presentation, Bishop Heber operates a student-guided options programme. This means there are two phases to the process:

Phase 1

The first is where we ask students for their initial course preferences. Once I have this, I will design a curriculum model that best fits the requests. Therefore, it is important to realise that this is the starting point for the timetabling process and will be used to form the blocking, so please take your time to consider the order of subjects very carefully. These initial preferences will also inform the decisions about which subjects will be able offered in 2024.

Phase 2

In the New Year, once the blocks have been decided I will write to you with details of how to complete a formal application and confirm your son / daughter's chosen courses.

All the curriculum information can be found on the school website (under 'Curriculum').

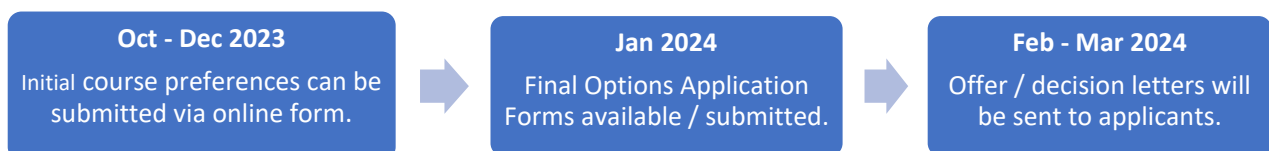
What are our entry criteria?

- A minimum of five grade 9-4s (or equivalent) including English and Maths
- A minimum of a grade 4 should therefore be achieved in both English Language and Maths.
- The entrance requirements for each individual subject are listed in the Sixth Form Course Guide 2024-2026. Where you have taken the subject at GCSE, we would recommend at least a strong pass in that subject.

What are the deadlines?

- The deadline for receipt of online initial course preferences is 1pm on the **30th November 2023**
- Final option blocks and formal application forms will be distributed to students in **January 2024**.
- The deadline for return of formal course choices and application forms is **Thursday 8th February 2024**.

There will be opportunities to do the Extended Project Qualification, but this will be open in September 2024.



If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School on 01948 860571 or, alternatively, contact Mr J Garnham, Director of Sixth Form via sixthform@heber.org.uk

Initial Course Preferences

You are allowed to input up to 5 preferences, placed in rank order. Almost all students will study 3 A levels and therefore you should consider choice 4 and 5 as first and second priority reserve options. The only exception to this is if you wish to study Further Maths as a 4th A level subject. If this is the case, then Further Maths should be inputted as your first preference, followed by Maths, and then the remaining 3 preferences (of which choice 5 will be the reserve).

If you are a current Year 11 student at Bishop Heber High School:

All existing Bishop Heber students have received a letter with their individual login details to access our internal online options system. Scan the QR code below or visit:

<https://www.studentoptions.co/BHHS-POST16>



If you are a current Year 11 student attending another school:

We are delighted that you are considering an application to our Sixth Form. Please complete your initial course preferences form via the online link below to register your interest in a place. You can input up to 5 course preferences, placed in rank order. <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/zF6uzBe9nx>



From January, our formal application form with confirmed option blocks will be available to download from the school website, which you will need to complete to confirm your final course choices. Please email a copy of the completed form to sixthformenrolment@heber.org.uk by the deadline. Applications received after this date may still be considered, depending on the total number of applications received. Please see our Admissions Policy for 2024-2025 on our website for more details.

If you know anyone else who is planning to join us in year 12 next year and you would like to be placed with them in a Tutor Group, you will be able to indicate this on the formal application form along with your latest predicted grades. We will ask your current school for a reference, and you will be invited to attend a 'Futures Meeting' to discuss your course preferences ahead of any offer of a place being made.

You will receive a decision letter by the end of the Spring term confirming the outcome of your application. If you are provisionally accepted for a place, when you collect your GCSE/L2 results in August, you will be required to bring confirmation of your results into school, so that we can verify you have met our sixth form entry requirements.

Heber Futures / Careers Support

Bishop Heber High School Sixth Form provides all our students with a comprehensive programme of careers independent advice and guidance (CIAG). Support is tailored to the whole cohort, but also to individuals and groups of students with similar goals and ambitions. We aim to showcase all options and possibilities at both Post-16 and Post-18.

'Futures' support is delivered via a combination of 1-1 support and meetings, form time tutorials / Personal Development lessons, assemblies, external visitors, and trips / visits.

Year 11:

- All Year 11 students will have two Futures meetings with members of staff to discuss their various post-16 options, the first of which will be w.c. 6th November 2023.

Year 12:

- Introduction to the post-sixth form pathways / options available.
- Latest labour market information including trends and forecasts.
- Apprenticeships information and application support.
- University information and application support (introduction to UCAS).
- Financial education and budgeting skills
- Employment opportunities and industry showcases via external speakers
- Interview skills and CV/application writing
- Trips / and visits to the UCAS 'Discover' exhibition, a Russell Group university, and a campus-based university.
- Trip / visit opportunity to apprenticeship events e.g. 'The Festival of Apprenticeships'.
- Support for a 1-week self-arranged work experience placement

Year 13:

- Application support for university (UCAS) and / or apprenticeship / other routes.
- Further financial education including understanding everyday finance (e.g. rent / mortgages / interest rates / credit / debt etc.)
- Mock interview practice
- 1-1 independent careers guidance meeting.
- Access to BHHS Alumni network.
- A level Results Day – support, advice and guidance post results.

‘Early Entry’ University Applications

‘Early Entry’ refers to the earlier application deadline for those who wish to apply to The University of Oxford / The University of Cambridge, or those who wish to apply to study Medicine, Veterinary Science or Dentistry. These courses all have additional application requirements and so we provide a comprehensive ‘Early Entry’ support as part of the Scholars Programme initiative.

This includes:

- identifying and supporting students who have the appropriate attainment and ambition to pursue a competitive application.
- Signposting of suitable super-curricular opportunities and required work experience placements.
- Networking opportunities with past Heber students in the fields of Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary Science, or who currently study / have studied at Oxbridge.
- Application support including with personal statements, references, preparation for admissions tests, practice interviews etc.

The Scholars Programme is not exclusively for ‘Early Entry’ applicants - any student is welcome to participate. The aims of the programme are to showcase academic enrichment opportunities that go beyond a student’s core learning.

Employment Readiness Programme

We also operate an Employment Readiness Programme to support students who wish to pursue a non-university pathway after their Sixth Form studies.

This includes:

- identifying, tracking, and monitoring those students interested in non-university routes.
- external speakers from a variety of industries and organisations
- skills audit / bespoke application workshops
- 1-1 careers meetings with an independent careers advisor
- Half-day workshop preparing competitive applications and learning how to research opportunities.
- Ad hoc trips and visits to link companies and events.
- Apprenticeship mock assessment centre day.

Destinations 2023

Our provisional destinations data for 2023 leavers shows that most of our Sixth Form students chose to apply for university courses, however an increasing number each year are exploring the possible benefits of non-university pathways including higher apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships.

Following the withdrawal of many programmes during the pandemic, the availability of apprenticeships is now recovering, with opportunities across a wide range of industries and sectors – including business management, law, cybersecurity and even the national security services via GCHQ.

Bishop Heber High School Sixth Form is committed to showcasing the potential benefits of all possible post-Sixth Form pathways and options to our students.

Apprenticeship / Employment Destinations

Examples of the companies / apprenticeship programmes secured by our students in the last 2 years:

- AstraZeneca - Degree Apprenticeship in Supply Chain
- Pubs Ltd. Company - Degree Apprenticeship in Business Management
- Landia - Higher Apprenticeship in Engineering
- Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education
- Barlows – Electrical Engineering Apprenticeship
- RSM – Actuarial Accounting / Auditing
- CGI – Degree Apprenticeship in Software Engineering
- MOD (DECA) – Technician Apprenticeship

Higher Education Destinations 2023

For 2023, 72% of our university applicants were offered (and accepted) a place at their first-choice university. Almost 40% of university applicants were placed at a “Russell Group” institution.

2023 student leavers have achieved places at the following universities:

Bangor University	Newcastle University	University of Chester
Birmingham City University	Northumbria University, Newcastle	University of Exeter
Bristol, University of the West of England	Nottingham Trent University	University of Leicester
Cardiff Metropolitan University	Oxford Brookes University	University of Liverpool
Cardiff University	SAE Institute	University of Manchester
Durham University	Sheffield Hallam University	University of Nottingham
Falmouth University	Solent University (Southampton)	University of Oxford
Futureworks	UCL (University College London)	University of Plymouth
Lancaster University	University of Bath	University of Portsmouth
Leeds Beckett University	University of Birmingham	University of Sheffield
Liverpool John Moores University	University of Brighton	University of Surrey
Loughborough University	University of Bristol	University of Warwick
Manchester Metropolitan University		University of Winchester
		University of York

2023 student leavers will be studying courses including:

Accounting and Economics	Economics	Natural Sciences MSci
Accounting and Finance (Industry)	Evolutionary Biology	Nuclear Engineering
Aerospace Engineering with professional placement	Fashion Design / Marketing	Nursing Science Registered Nurse (Child)
AI and Data Science	Filmmaking	Palaeontology
Architecture	Game Art	Paramedic Science
Audio Production	Geography	Philosophy
Biochemistry	Health and Social Care	Physical Geography with a Year of Study Abroad
Biological Sciences	History	Physics with Astrophysics
Biology	Horology	Physiotherapy
Biomedical Science	International Relations	Politics and International Relations
Biomedicine	Journalism and Communications	Popular Music Performance and Production
Business Management	Law (Study Abroad)	Product Design
Business Technology	Marine Biology with Oceanography	Psychology
Chemical Engineering	Marketing	Real Estate
Chemistry	Mathematics	Sociology
Computer Science	Mechanical Engineering	Sport Business Management
Criminology	Medical Sciences	Visual Effects
Early Years - Primary Education	Medicinal Chemistry	
	Medicine	

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