BISHOP HEBER HIGH SCHOOL

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday, 24th October 2024

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Welcome from the Headteacher

24th October 2024

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)
- Sianna Davies and Bevan Williams (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.

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 we have this, we 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 2025.

Phase 2
In the New Year, once the blocks have been decided I will write to you with details of how to complete a full formal application and confirm your son / daughter's chosen courses.
All the curriculum information can be found on the school website (under 'Curriculum' / 'Sixth Form' pages).

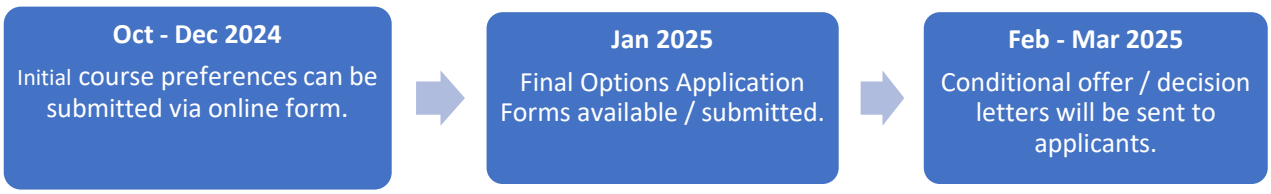
What are our entry criteria?

- 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 1p.m. on Thursday, **28th November 2024**
- Final option blocks and formal application forms will be distributed to students in **January 2025.**
- The deadline for return of formal course choices and application forms is **Thursday, 6th February 2025.**

There will be opportunities to do the Extended Project Qualification, but this will be open in September 2025.



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 choices 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 can login with their usual Microsoft/Email/Teams account to access our internal online options system (You may need to log out of any other private Microsoft accounts first)

Scan the QR code below or visit:

https://forms.microsoft.com/e/dJcxqizQKL

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 2025-2026 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 1-2-1 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. 11th November 2024.

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
- 1-2-1 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
- 1-2-1 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 2024

Our provisional destinations data for 2024 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 3 years:

- AstraZeneca - Degree Apprenticeship in Supply Chain
- EY – Degree Apprenticeship in Accountancy
- 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 2024

For 2024, three quarters 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.

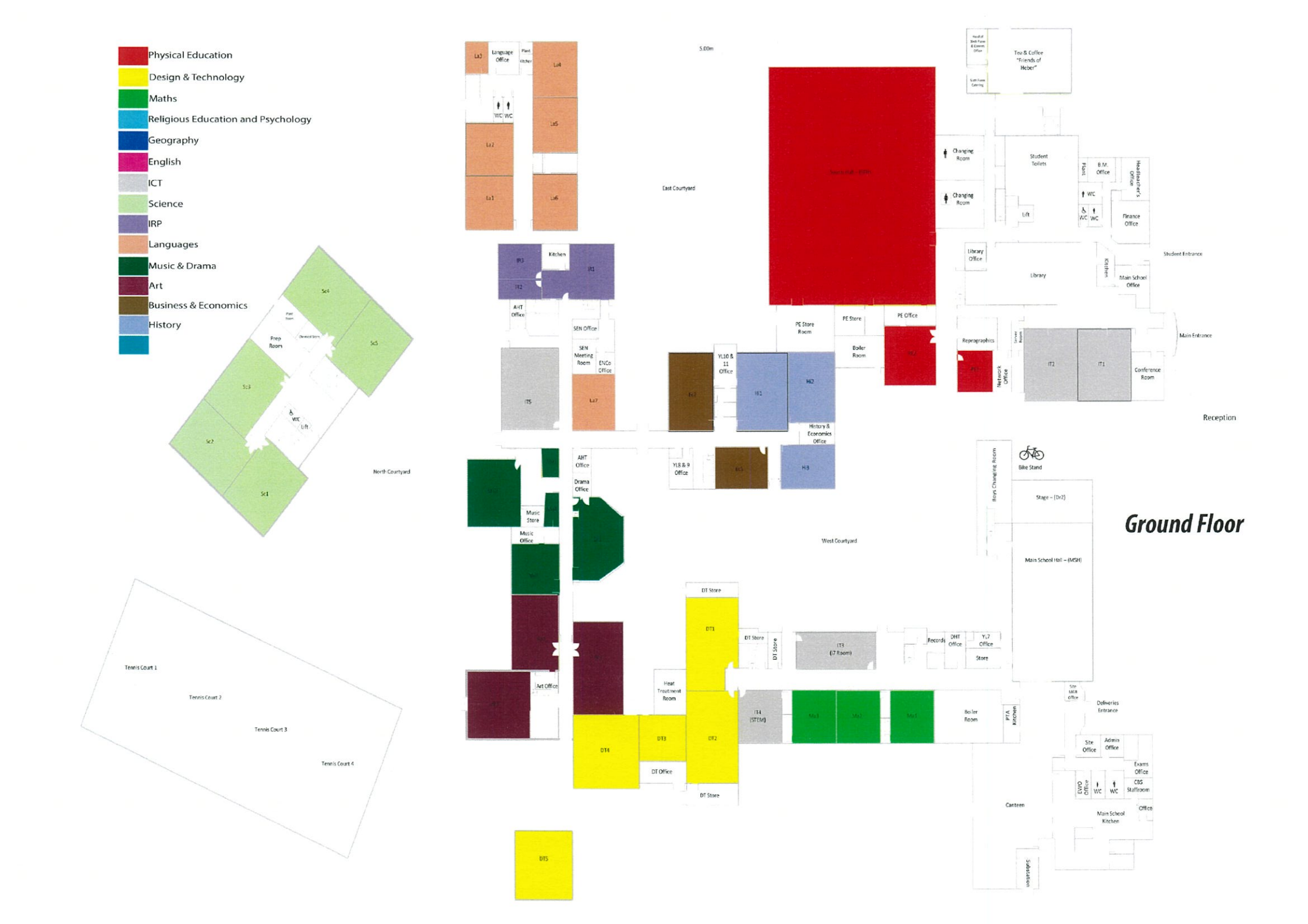
2024 student leavers have achieved places at the following universities:	
Bath Spa University	University of Chester
Cardiff University	University of Leeds
Lancaster University	University of Liverpool
Leeds Beckett University	University of Northampton
Liverpool John Moores University	University of Nottingham
Manchester Metropolitan University	University of Salford
Newcastle University	University of Southampton
The University of Sheffield	University of Warwick
University of Birmingham	University of Worcester
University of Bristol	University of York

2024 student leavers will be studying courses including:		
Accountancy	Criminal and Corporate	Marketing
Adolescent & Child Mental	Investigation	Paramedic Science
Health	Engineering	Physical Geography
Aerospace Engineering	Equine Science and Business	Physics
Applied Sports Science	Film Production	Psychology
Architecture	Fine Art	Sociology and Criminology
Astrophysics	Forensic Psychology and Criminal	Sport
Biomedicine	Justice	Sport Management
Business Management	Geography	Sustainability and Environmental
Children's Nursing	Interior Architecture	Management
Civil Engineering	Journalism	
Computer Science	Law	
	Marine Biology and Oceanology	

Subject Area Rooms / Venues

Subject	**Room**	**Staff** *(Subject Leader in **bold** where applicable)*
Art & Design	Ar2	**Mrs Stoddart**; Ms Clulow; Miss Montague
Biology	Sc4	**Mrs Williams**; Dr Andrews; Mr Williams
Business	Ec2	**Mr Lonergan**
Chemistry	Sc3	**Dr Clark**; Miss Jones; Mr Calvert; Mrs Blackham
Computing	IT3	**Mr Mawhinney**
Economics	Ec1	**Mr Forster**
English Language	En8	Mrs Budgen; Mrs Moreland
English Literature	En4	Ms Carlton; Miss Bollard
Food Science & Nutrition	DT2	**Miss Stockley;** Mrs Selwood
French	La6	Mrs Hennessey
Further Mathematics	Ma2	**Miss Leeke**; Mr Lowe
Geography	Gg2	**Miss Lewis;** Mrs Jones; Mr Roberts
German	La6	Mrs Hennessey
Health & Social Care	Sc4	**Mrs Williams**
History	Hi1	**Mr Penlington;** Mr Balmer; Mrs Williams
Law	RE2	**Mrs Stubbs**
Mathematics	Ma2	**Mrs Griffiths**; Mrs Hamer; Mr Leong; Mr Ridley
Media Studies	IT5	**Mr Parsons;** Mrs McWilliams
Music Technology	Mu3	**Mr Ferrelly**
Photography	Ar2	**Mrs Stoddart;** Ms Clulow; Miss Montague
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;** Mr Badley
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

Link to the school's prospectus:


Physical Education
Design & Technology
Maths
Religious Education and Psychology
Geography
English
ICT
Science
IRP
Languages
Music & Drama
Art
Business & Economics
History
Ground Floor
East Courtyard
West Courtyard
North Courtyard
Reception
Main Entrance
Student Entrance
Deliveries Entrance
Bike Stand
Tea & Coffee "Friends of Heber"
Changing Room
Changing Room
Student Toilets
Lift
Plant
B.M. Office
Headteacher's Office
WC
WC
WC
Finance Office
Library Office
Library
Kitchen
Main School Office
Conference Room
Reprographics
Network Office
Server Room
IT2
IT1
PE Store Room
PE Store
PE Office
Boiler Room
Kitchen
AHT Office
SEN Office
SEN Meeting Room
ENCo Office
YL10 & 11 Office
History & Economics Office
YL8 & 9 Office
AHT Office
Drama Office
Music Store
Music Office
Art Office
Heat Treatment Room
DT Store
DT Store
DT Store
DT Store
DT Office
IT3 (IT Room)
Records
DHT Office
YL7 Office
Store
IT4 (STEM)
Boiler Room
PTA Kitchen
Boys Changing Room
Stage – (Dr2)
Main School Hall – (MSH)
Site Mgt Office
Site Office
Admin Office
Exams Office
EVO Office
WC
WC
CBS Staffroom
Office
Main School Kitchen
Canteen
Substation
Tennis Court 1
Tennis Court 2
Tennis Court 3
Tennis Court 4
Prep Room
WC
Lift
Sc1
Sc2
Sc3
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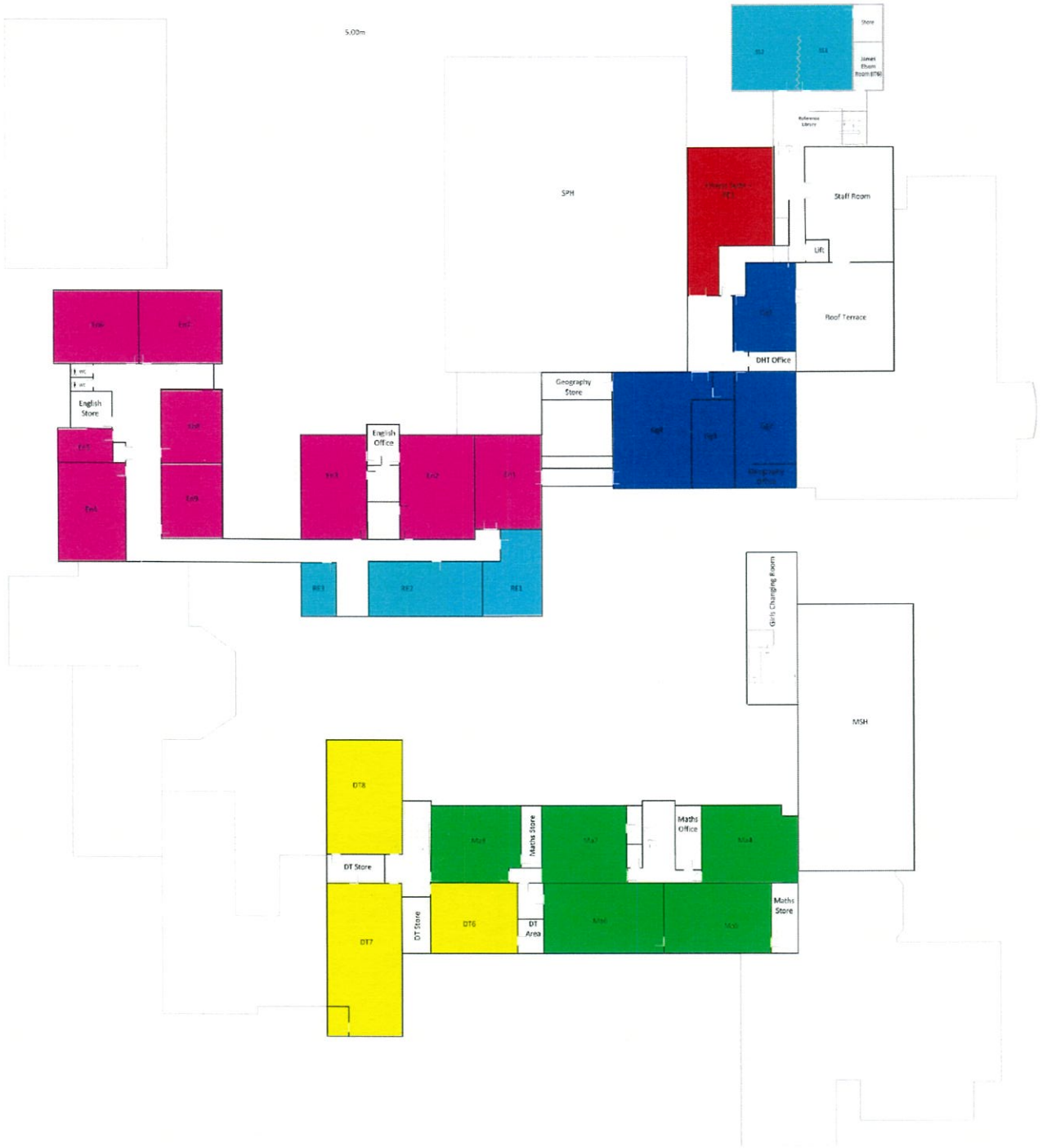
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James Elsom Room (EY6)
Reference Library
SPH
Staff Room
Lift
Roof Terrace
DHT Office
Geography Store
English Store
English Office
Girls Changing Room
MSH
DT8
DT Store
DT7
DT Store
DT6
DT Area
Maths Store
Maths Office
Maths Store

First Floor

Transport Information for Sixth Form Students

Unfortunately, students are not entitled to free transport in Sixth Form.
If you live a distance of 5 miles or more, and live in England, you can apply for the 16-19 Bursary to support the cost of transport. The Bursary is allocated on a case-by-case basis, and we can only support within the funds available to us.

Farndon
Students who live in Farndon can purchase a seat on the Meredith's Bus by using the link below (Route BH2)
School Bus Passes - Merediths of Cheshire (meredithscoaches.co.uk)

Tilston, Threapwood and Shocklach
Students who live in Tilston, Threapwood and Shocklach can purchase a seat on the Meredith's Bus by using the link below (Route ME26)

Tattenhall, Handley and Broxton
Students who live in Tattenhall, Handley and Broxton can use the A41 Service bus. Timetable on the link below
Timetables from 2024-09-01.xlsx (dgbus.co.uk)

Whitchurch
Students who live in Whitchurch can apply to Happy Days in Bronington and Whitchurch for a seat on their privately operated bus. Please email Jordan@happydayscoaches.co.uk for further information.

Cheshire West and Chester
Students can also apply for a spare seat on the Cheshire West and Chester Council operated school buses. Please note that these are not usually allocated until the beginning of October. Further information is on the link blow
Spare seats scheme | Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cheshire East
Students who live in Cheshire East and/or currently use contract S71083 or S71125 can apply for a spare seat with Cheshire East School Transport. Further information is on the link below
Paid for seat scheme (cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Wrexham (Holt, Marford, Rossett, Acton)
Students who live in the Wrexham area including (Holt, Marford, Rossett, Acton) can purchase a seat on the Meredith's Bus by using the link below (Route BH1)
School Bus Passes - Merediths of Cheshire (meredithscoaches.co.uk)

Students living in Wales may be eligible for the EMA to support with the cost of transport Education Maintenance Allowance, funding for Further Education | Student Finance Wales

TRANSPORT – BUS ROUTES 2024

Contract Number	Operator	Route	Options in 6th Form
61173	CWaC Lakeside t/a Meredith's	Tattenhall	A41 Bus / D&G Coaches
61174	CWaC Lakeside t/a Meredith's	Farndon, Stretton Carden Arms	Meredith's BH2 or CWaC Spare Seat
61177	CWaC Happy Days	Handley, Aldersey Green, Coddington, Barton	Meredith's BH2 (only pick up at Clutton)
61176	CWaC Lakeside t/a Meredith's	Farndon	4 Meredith's BH2 or CWaC Spare Seat
61175	CWaC Lakeside t/a Meredith's	Farndon	Meredith's BH2 or CWaC Spare Seat
ME26	CWaC Lakeside t/a Meredith's	Threapwood, Shocklach, Tilston	2 Meredith's ME26 or CWaC Spare Seat
61126	CWaC Kingsdown	Larkton, Egerton, A49 Bickley, Grindley Brook, Tushingham	CWaC Spare Seat
S71125	Cheshire East Contract Happy Days	Bunbury, Bulkeley Bickerton, Brown Knowl	Cheshire East Spare Seat
61155	CWaC Kingsdown	Nomansheath	CWaC Spare Seat
Private Hire	Happy Days	Whitchurch, Bronington	Contact Happy Days
S71083	Cheshire East Contract Lakeside t/a Meredith's	Wirswall, Norbury, Wrenbury, Marbury	Cheshire East Spare Seat
61125	CWaC Happy Days	Bickley, Burwardsley, Tattenhall	Cheshire West Spare seat or A41 D&G Bus
61180	CWaC (A Cars)	Carden / Broxton	Cheshire West Spare seat or A41 D&G Bus
61179	CWaC Tomlinson's	Broxton	Cheshire West Spare seat or A41 D&G Bus
61763	CWaC Kingsdown	Tushingham, Bickley	Cheshire West Spare seat or A41 D&G Bus
61126	CWaC Kingsdown	The Wyches/Agden	Cheshire West Spare seat or A41 D&G Bus

All enquires for school transport should be made directly to the operator or Cheshire West or Cheshire East Council School Transport

CWaC Transport	0300 123 7039
Cheshire East Transport	0300 123 5012
Happy Days	01948 780269
D&G	41 | D&G Bus (dgbus.co.uk)
Lakeside t/a Meredith's	01948 860405