BISHOP HEBER HIGH SCHOOL

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Information Booklet

Thursday, 22nd October 2026

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Thursday, 22nd October 2026

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,



Mr D. A. Curry
Headteacher

Admissions for Bishop Heber 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

Students submit their initial course preferences in priority rank order. We use these to design the option blocks and to decide which subjects will run from September 2027, so **please consider the order of your choices carefully**.

Phase 2

In January, once the option blocks are confirmed, students complete a full application to confirm their final course choices. Course guides and curriculum information are on the school website ('Curriculum' / 'Sixth Form' pages).

What are our entry criteria?

- At least five GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade 4 or above (grade C in Wales), **including English Language and Mathematics**.
- Some subjects have their own entry requirements. If you have studied the subject at GCSE, we recommend or require at least a grade 5. See the Sixth Form Course Guide 2027-2029 for details.

Enrichment courses

There will be opportunities to do the **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**, but students opt to enrol for this in September 2027, during the Induction Day for Year 12.

Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) is likely to be available in one option block only (tbc). This enrichment course is recommended to students not taking Mathematics A-level but who are studying certain subjects which require more advanced quantitative skills, such as Sciences, Psychology and Geography. Other students can also choose Core Maths if it is compatible with their timetable.

Key dates 2026–2027

The main stages of applying to Bishop Heber Sixth Form for September 2027 are listed below.

When	What happens
Thu 22 October 2026	Sixth Form Open Evening. Provisional Course Guide and Initial Course Preferences form published on the school website.
Sun 8 November 2026	'Soft' deadline for submitting the Initial Course Preferences online form.
W/b 16 November 2026	Futures meetings for current Bishop Heber Year 11 students (round 1), where initial preferences are discussed and finalised.
Early January 2027	Final course options confirmed and published, along with the option blocks and updated Course Guide. Full applications open.
Thu 4 February 2027	Equal consideration deadline for full applications. After this date, places are subject to availability on courses.
February – March 2027	Online Futures meetings for external applicants. References requested from current schools.
W/b 8 March 2027	Futures meetings for current Bishop Heber Year 11 students (round 2).
March 2027	Conditional offer letters issued (before the Spring holiday).
Mon 28 June 2027	Taster Day for external students.

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 five preferences in total, placed in rank order. Choices 4 and 5 are considered as your first and second reserve options.

If you wish to study Further Maths as a fourth A-level subject, then please select 'Yes' for this option on the online preferences form, and then select Mathematics as your 'Priority 1' course choice, followed by your remaining preferences. *Further Mathematics can only be chosen alongside Mathematics A-level, and as a fourth subject option.*

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

All existing Bishop Heber students can log in with their usual Microsoft/Email/Teams account details to access our internal online options system ***(You will need to log out of any other sibling's or private Microsoft accounts first)***

Scan the QR code below or visit:

Current Year 11 Bishop Heber Students - https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/zxbgKDwGFf

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 alternative online link below to register your interest in a place.

External Students who will be new to Heber - https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/tM1wwF8qwB

From January, our formal application form with confirmed courses and option blocks will be available to access from the school website, which you will need to complete to specify your final course choices. Please complete the online application form by the deadline. Applications received after this date may still be considered, depending on the total number of applications received and projected course availability. Please see our Admissions Policy for 2027-2028 on our website for more details.

If you know anyone 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 in the New Year. A conditional offer of a place is subject to receipt of a satisfactory reference from your current school. You will also be invited to attend an online 'Futures Meeting' via MS Teams to discuss your course choices 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.

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 to 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 senior staff to discuss their various post-16 options, the first of which will be mid-November, and then again in March.

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 as appropriate.
- Support for a one-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 to 1 independent careers guidance meeting.
- Access to Heber 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 scheme.

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.
- Opportunities to attend school-organised visits to Oxford / Cambridge Open Days.

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 to 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 Information 2026

Our provisional destinations data for 2026 leavers shows that once again, 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 and degree apprenticeships.

The availability of apprenticeships continues to grow, 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:

- Airbus – Degree Apprenticeship in the Technology division.
- AstraZeneca - Degree Apprenticeship in Supply Chain
- Ernst & Young (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
- Rolls Royce – Business Management Apprenticeship
- RSM – Actuarial Accounting / Auditing
- CGI – Degree Apprenticeship in Software Engineering
- MOD (DECA) – Technician Apprenticeship

Higher Education Destinations 2026

For 2026, almost 75% of our university applicants gained a place at their first-choice university. 48% of university applicants were accepted at a “Russell Group” institution.

84	**31**	**48%**	**7**
2026 leavers starting university courses	different universities and institutions	of university entrants at Russell Group universities	2026 leavers starting apprenticeships

Our 2026 leavers have taken up places at a wide range of universities and institutions, including:

Aberystwyth University
Brunel University of London
Cardiff University
dBs Institute
Edge Hill University
Harper Adams University
Keele University
Lancaster University
Liverpool John Moores University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Newcastle University
Norland University of Early Childhood
Northumbria University, Newcastle
Nottingham Trent University
University Academy 92 (UA92)
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Chester
University of East Anglia (UEA)
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Gloucestershire
University of Lancashire
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of York

2026 leavers will be studying courses including:

Aerospace Electronic Engineering • Aerospace Engineering • Agriculture • Applied Animal Science • Architecture • Biochemistry • Biological Sciences • Biomedical Engineering • Biomedical Science • Bioveterinary Science • Business and Marketing • Business Economics • Business Management • Chemical Engineering • Chemistry • Computer Science • Criminal Justice and Criminology • Criminology and Sociology • Cybersecurity with Artificial Intelligence • Early Childhood Education and Care • Early Childhood Studies • Economics • Economics and Finance • Economics and Mathematics • Educational Psychology • English and Multimedia Journalism • English Language and Linguistics • Environmental Health • Geography • Global Affairs, Politics and International Relations • Healthcare Science (Cardiac Physiology) • History • History and Politics • Human Geography • International Relations and Politics • Journalism • Law • Law with Business and Commerce • Marketing • Marketing and Management • Mathematics • Medicine • Music Production and Sound Engineering • Natural Sciences • Nursing (Adult) • Occupational Therapy • Pharmacy • Philosophy and Politics • Physics with Astrophysics • Physiotherapy • Politics • Primary Education • Product Design • Professional Policing • Psychology • Social Science • Sociology • Sociology and Education • Sport and Exercise Science • Sports Media and Communications • Veterinary Medicine

Transport Information for Sixth Form Students

Unfortunately, students are not entitled to free transport in Sixth Form.

If you live five miles or more from school, and live in England, you can apply for the 16-19 Bursary to support the cost of transport, subject to other qualifying criteria. 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)
School Bus Passes - Merediths of Cheshire (meredithscoaches.co.uk)

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)

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 below
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 2026

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
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 enquiries for school transport should be made directly to the operator or Cheshire West or Cheshire East Council School Transport – contact details below:

CWaC Transport	0300 123 7039
Cheshire East Transport	0300 123 5012
D&G	41 | D&G Bus (dgbus.co.uk) https://www.dgbus.co.uk/bus-services/41/
Lakeside t/a Meredith's	01948 860405

Notes

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