

OPEN EVENING · THURSDAY, 22nd OCTOBER 2026

Bishop Heber Sixth Form

Your next chapter starts here. Join us in September 2027.

Entrance music by Year 12 students Ethan and Lewis

WELCOME

Welcome to Bishop Heber Sixth Form

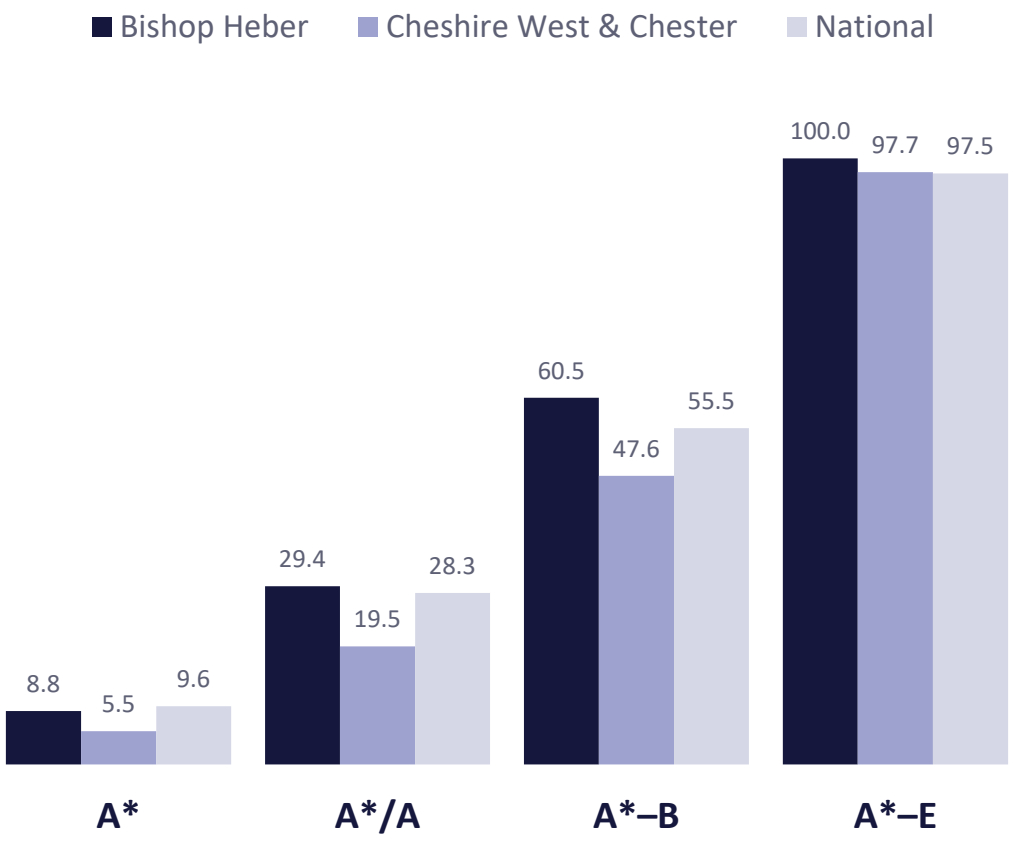
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Headteacher



RESULTS 2026 · A LEVEL

Among the very best A-level results in Cheshire



100% 1ST IN CW&C

pass rate (A*–E): zero fails

29.4% JOINT 1ST IN CW&C

A* or A grades

37.5 JOINT 1ST IN CW&C

average points per student (B–)

114 students · 296 entries · 0 U grades · 81.4% A*–C. CW&C = Cheshire West & Chester schools only

Vocational results: well above national

76.1%

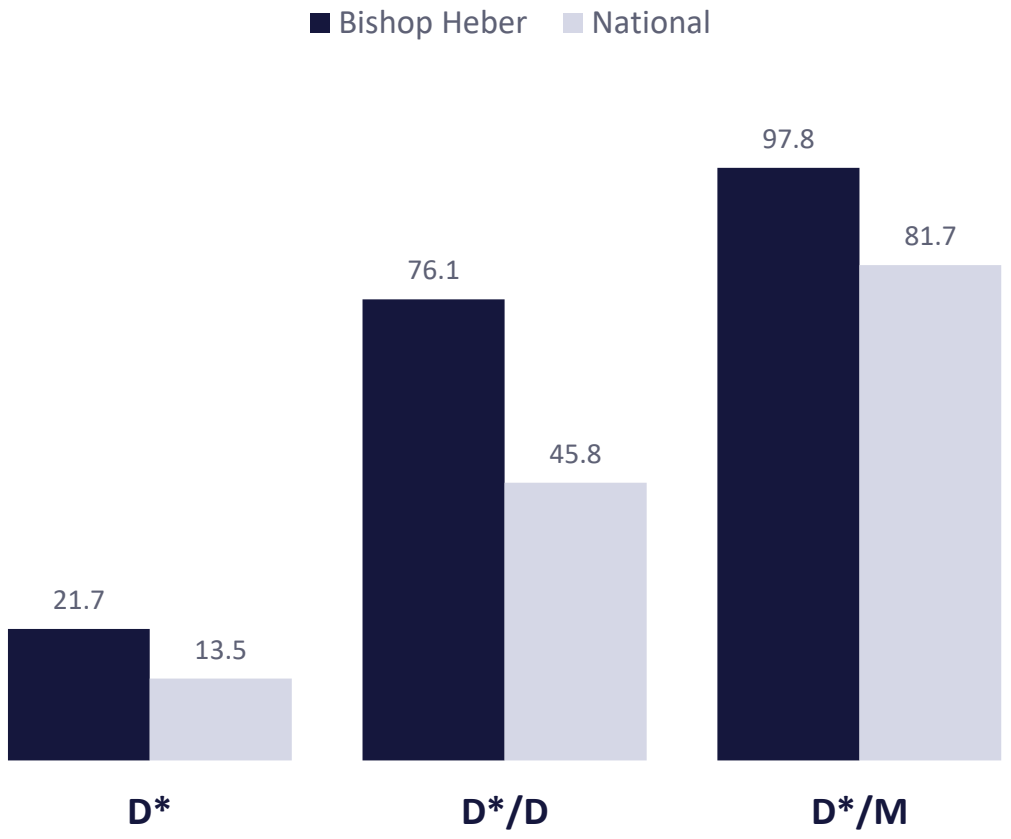
of grades were Distinction* or Distinction

National average: 45.8%

100% **pass rate**
0 U grades

21.7% **Distinction***
national 13.5%

35.6 **average points**
per student (Merit)



35 students · 46 entries

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YOUR SIXTH FORM TEAM

The team who will support you



Mr. J Garnham

Director of Sixth Form
Assistant Headteacher



Mr. C Williams

Deputy Director of Sixth Form



Ms. U Mort

Deputy Headteacher

Come and meet us in the Sixth Form Centre (ground floor) during the evening if you have any further questions after this evening's presentations.

WHY CHOOSE US

Why Bishop Heber Sixth Form?

Mr. J Garnham

Director of Sixth Form

#whyHeber?

BISHOP HEBER SIXTH FORM



SIX REASONS TO CHOOSE HEBER

What makes Heber different

#whyHeber?

1

Outstanding outcomes

Excellent progress for every student, whatever their starting point.

2

A broad curriculum

29 courses, plus the EPQ and Core Maths.

3

Freedom, with support

The independence of college, with the support of school.

4

Lead and get involved

Leadership roles, clubs, trips and enrichment that stand out.

5

Ambitious futures

Expert guidance for university, apprenticeships and employment.

6

Happy at Heber

A caring community where wellbeing comes first.

1 OUTSTANDING OUTCOMES

Outstanding outcomes for all

Open to all, outstanding for all

OUR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4

including English and Maths: the lowest entry requirements of any local school sixth form

OUR RESULTS

Among the highest in CW&C

1st for A-level pass rate; joint 1st for A*/A grades and average points per student (2026)

WHERE THEY GO NEXT

University

48% to Russell Group universities in both 2025 and 2026

Oxbridge

Top 10% of schools nationally for Oxbridge places, including independent schools

Apprenticeships

With competitive employers in engineering, accountancy, auditing, leisure and business

OFSTED 2026

"The majority of students proceed to ambitious destinations."

A broad curriculum, taught by specialists



24

A-level subjects

Traditional academic disciplines, creative options and subjects that are brand new at Sixth Form.

5

Vocational Level 3 courses

BTEC and Diploma routes in Business, Sport, Health & Social Care, Tourism and Food Science.

+2

Enrichment qualifications

The EPQ (up to 28 UCAS points) and Core Maths (same UCAS points as an AS).

OFSTED 2026

"Teachers use their subject expertise to deliver the curriculum well and in line with The Heber Way."

2 CURRICULUM

Go further: EPQ and Core Maths

Take one alongside your main courses to stretch yourself and stand out on applications.

EPQ

Extended Project Qualification

- Research a topic you're passionate about
- A 5,000-word report or an artefact, plus a presentation.
- Completed during Year 12.
- Can earn you a lower university offer

Up to 28 UCAS points
worth half an A level

Core Maths

Level 3 Mathematical Studies

- Real-life maths: finance, statistics and estimation
- Boosts Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology and Geography especially.
- Recommended if you're not taking A-level Maths.
- Completed in Year 12.

Same UCAS points as an AS
a whole extra qualification

OFSTED 2026

"Students can opt to study further qualifications to complement their chosen A-levels such as core mathematics."

3 FREEDOM, WITH SUPPORT

The freedom to flourish, but not to fail

FREEDOM

Independence and trust

- 10+ hours of non-contact time each fortnight
- Choose your own pathway, with expert advice
- Manage your own time in a 'school within a school'
- A fresh start: Year 12 feels new and different to ‘lower school’.

SUPPORT

Help when you need it

- Caring relationships between staff and students
- Study skills and supervised silent study
- A 'triangle of communication' with home
- Proactive support if things go off track
- Personalised careers guidance.
- Mental Health Support via MHST.

OFSTED 2026

“Students are supported well to meet the demands of academic study, including through opportunities to build their independent study skills.”

More perks than the staff!



Your own spaces

Sixth Form Centre, free rooms and dedicated toilets

Coffee machine

Great coffee and hot chocolate at great value

Phone zones

Spaces where you can use your mobile

P5 sign-out

Leave at 1.30pm on days with no P5 lessons

Lunch off site

Go for lunch off site with your friends

Heber Leisure

Gym access for £10 per term (to 4.30pm)

4 LEADERSHIP

Lead, serve and make your mark

Prefect Team

Elected student leaders, led by our Head Prefects.

Social Media Team

Create posts and campaigns for the Sixth Form Instagram.

Subject Volunteers

Volunteer to help in subject department lessons.

Student Newspaper

Write, edit and design the student newspaper.

Book Buddies

Help younger students with their reading.

Start Your Own Club

Got an idea? Set up your own club or society.

Every role is logged on Unifrog as enrichment: powerful evidence for UCAS, apprenticeship and job applications.

4 ENRICHMENT

Beyond the classroom







Clubs & societies

- Young Enterprise
- Medic Society
- Debate and Model UN
- Choir and band
- The school production

Sport

- Competitive teams
- 'Just for fun' sport
- Running Club
- Discounted gym membership
- Wellbeing lessons

Events & fundraising

- Santa Dash
- Sixth Form Bake Off
- Netball vs Rugby
- Sponge a Teacher

Challenge & adventure

- Duke of Edinburgh Gold
- Trips and visits
- Enrichment Weeks

OFSTED 2026

"Students engage fully and benefit from myriad opportunities to contribute to school life."

5 AMBITIOUS FUTURES

Preparing you for what comes next

YEAR 11

1-1 'Futures' meetings with experienced staff to plan your next steps.

SUMMER BEFORE YEAR 12

Bridging tasks and a tailored induction, with extra support if you're new to Heber.

YEAR 12

Careers meetings, alumni speakers, UCAS Discovery Day and a work experience week.

YEAR 13

Individual mentoring for UCAS, apprenticeship and job applications, plus mock interviews.

YOUR FUTURE

University, apprenticeship or employment: whatever your goal, we help you get there.

OFSTED 2026

"Students benefit from work experience and careers conventions that help them to make informed choices about their future education, employment or training."

Programmes for every ambition



Scholars Programme

For Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Science and Law

- Curated Super-curricular and Wider Reading Padlets
- Tutorials, debates and academic enrichment
- Interview preparation and admissions test tutoring
- Top 10% of schools nationally for Oxbridge places



Employment Readiness Programme

For apprenticeships and employment, led by Mr Williams

- Supported by The Pledge (Cheshire & Warrington)
- Employer-led sessions, e.g. HSBC
- CV workshops and mock 1-1 interviews
- A mock assessment centre

Both programmes are open to all. We also support conservatoire, overseas university, Armed Forces and gap year applications.

Happy at Heber



NEW TO HEBER?

You'll feel at home

Students join us from schools across the region every year.

- Tailored induction
- Summer bridging tasks
- Extra support to settle in
- A fresh start for everyone

Your form tutor
Your advocate, with termly 1-1 meetings

An open door
The Sixth Form team is available every day

Wellbeing sessions
Fortnightly sport, games or creative time

Personal Development
Safety, driving, finance and cooking on a budget

Mental health
Awareness, resources and expert signposting

Student voice
Your ideas shape the Sixth Form

OFSTED 2026

"Pupils and students in the sixth form are 'happy at Heber'."

JOINING FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL?

What new families tell us

> *He is very much enjoying being at Bishop Heber and happy that he chose the right place for sixth form.*

HAPPINESS

"She comes home bubbling full of confidence and stories of her day."

PEACE OF MIND

"All the teachers and pupils have made her feel welcome, which has taken a huge worry away from us."

FRIENDS AND TEACHERS

"He's told us nothing but good things. He's made friends and likes all his teachers."

GETTING INVOLVED

"She has signed up for the Scholars programme, Gold DoE, voted in as a form rep… and playing Netball."

From parents of students who joined Heber Sixth Form from other schools, September 2026.

STUDENT VOICE

In their own words

I originally left Heber but quickly came back from college as I missed the personal support, and the contact with teachers. I feel so much happier now I've returned.

YEAR 12 STUDENT

"We're treated like adults and get to make choices for ourselves."

"I appreciate all the support and advice about my future options, both university and apprenticeships."

"Teachers work so hard to help us succeed."

"My favourite part of Sixth Form is having more independence to manage my own time."

"I love having the coffee machine! (Miles cheaper than Costa!)"

Myth busting

MYTH **“Sixth Form is just school without uniform”**	Exclusive spaces, P5 sign-out, lunch off site and your own coffee machine.
MYTH **“I want a fresh start”**	Year 12 feels different: new subjects, new freedoms, treated like a young adult.
MYTH **“I'll have more freedom at college”**	Real freedom here, plus the personal support of staff who know you.
MYTH **“They only want 7+ / A* students”**	Entry starts at five GCSEs at grade 4, with BTEC and Diploma routes too.
MYTH **“I think I'll do better elsewhere”**	Our 2026 results were among the very highest in Cheshire West & Chester.

OVER TO OUR STUDENTS

Meet our Head Prefects



Rhys

HEAD PREFECT



Seren

HEAD PREFECT

ADMISSIONS

Applying for September 2027

Ms. U Mort

Deputy Headteacher

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ADMISSIONS

Entry requirements

4+

Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths

5

GCSEs at grades 9–4 (or equivalent)



Subject-specific requirements are in the Course Guide



Not sure whether you'll meet the requirements for a subject? Talk to the subject team tonight; they're happy to advise.

OFSTED 2026

"Leaders have created an inclusive sixth form that serves the needs of the local community."

Provisional course list: September 2027

Art	English Literature	Mathematics	Religious Studies
Biology	**Food Science & Nutrition L3 Diploma**	Media Studies	**Sociology**
Business BTEC	French	**Music Technology**	Spanish
Chemistry	Further Maths	Photography	**Sport BTEC**
Computer Science	Geography	Physics	**Tourism BTEC**
Drama	German	**Politics**	
Economics	**Health & Social Care BTEC**	Product Design	
English Language	History	**Psychology**	

BTEC / Diploma

A level, new at Sixth Form

A level

Your study programme

THE TYPICAL PROGRAMME

Course 1
A level or vocational

Course 2
A level or vocational

Course 3
A level or vocational

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OPTIONAL
EPQ or Core Maths
enrichment course

A SMALL NUMBER OF STUDENTS

Course 1
A level or vocational

Course 2
A level or vocational

Course 3
A level or vocational

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FOURTH COURSE
Further Maths
specific criteria apply



Not sure which combination is right for you? Talk to the subject teams and the Sixth Form team tonight.

KEY DATES

Your application timeline

9 Nov 2026 Monday	**Initial Sixth Form preferences deadline** One form for Heber students, one for external applicants. Links in the programme.
w/b 16 Nov 2026	**Futures meetings for Heber Year 11 students** 1-1 meetings with senior staff and Year Leaders to discuss your plans.
January 2027	**Full Sixth Form applications open** Final option blocks shaped by your initial preferences.
4 Feb 2027 Thursday	**Equal consideration deadline** Full applications received by this date are considered equally.
Spring term 2027	**Futures meetings (including external applicants) and offers** Follow-up meetings, then conditional offers (early March).

ADMISSIONS

How to apply: one simple process

1. Explore

Visit subjects tonight and read the Course Guide.

2. Tell us your choices

Complete the Initial Preferences form by Monday 9th November.

3. Apply in full

Full applications open in January. Deadline: Thursday 4th February.

TWO FORMS, ONE PROCESS

Already at Heber?

Use the Heber students' form

From another school?

Use the external applicants' form

Both form links are in your Open Evening programme.

Questions? sixthform@heber.org.uk

NEXT STEPS

Make the right choices tonight



1. Explore

Visit every subject you're interested in this evening.



2. Ask

Talk to teachers, the Sixth Form team, current students and your family.



3. Plan ahead

Think about future careers: some degrees need specific subjects.

FOR EXAMPLE

Thinking about Medicine? You should study Chemistry, alongside Biology and/or Maths. The Course Guide has advice on subject combinations.

Thank you for coming

Questions? Join us for tea and coffee in the Sixth Form Centre (ground floor). Our student guides are on hand for tours.

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