

Year 9 Standards Evening

The Bishop's Stortford High School

13th September 2023

Welcome to The Bishop's Stortford High School



Ofsted – “Outstanding” in every category, March 2017 & May 2023



A-Level Results 2023

- ▶ 9% A*
- ▶ 28% A* / A
- ▶ 58% A* - B
- ▶ 84% A* - C
- ▶ 4 Oxbridge
- ▶ 4 Medicine



GCSE Results 2023

- ▶ 9% Grade 9
- ▶ 36% Grade 9-7
- ▶ 89% Grade 9-4



Dr A Coke-Woods
Head of Year 9

Your help

- ▶ Promote our values
- ▶ Support our decision
- ▶ Polite communications
- ▶ Life outside of school
- ▶ Enrichment programme

Changes in Year 9

- ▶ End of a Key Stage
- ▶ Final Options
- ▶ Feedback Policy
- ▶ Pastoral Team
- ▶ Student working practices

Year 9 Options

Students currently study:

- ▶ English, Maths, Science
- ▶ RS and Citizenship
- ▶ Computing
- ▶ PE and Games
- ▶ One Language
- ▶ Two Humanities (down from three)
- ▶ Two other subjects

Year 9 Options

Students select final GCSE Options.

Options process to be outlined at Options Evening.

Year 9 is the foundation year for GCSE.

Work ethic is key.

Key Dates:

Early School Closure:

Thursday 21st Sep

Inset: Friday 22nd Sep

Options Evening:

Wednesday 14th Feb

Exams: Tuesday 27th Feb -

Monday 4th March

Parents Evening:

Thursday 14th March

Options Deadline:

Tuesday 19th March

School Report:

Friday 14th June

Year 9 Pastoral Team:

Head of Year: Dr A. Coke-Woods

Inclusion Manager (9-11): Mrs S. Harris

Assistant Head Teacher (Pastoral Y9-11): Mr D. Harvey

Chantry Form Tutors: Dr M. Fisher and Mrs A. Gilmour

Dane Form Tutors: Mr G. Sargent and Mr D. Paine

Meads Form Tutor: Miss K. Jeffs

Shaw Form Tutor: Mrs Z. Byrne

Twyford Form Tutor: Dr V. Rae

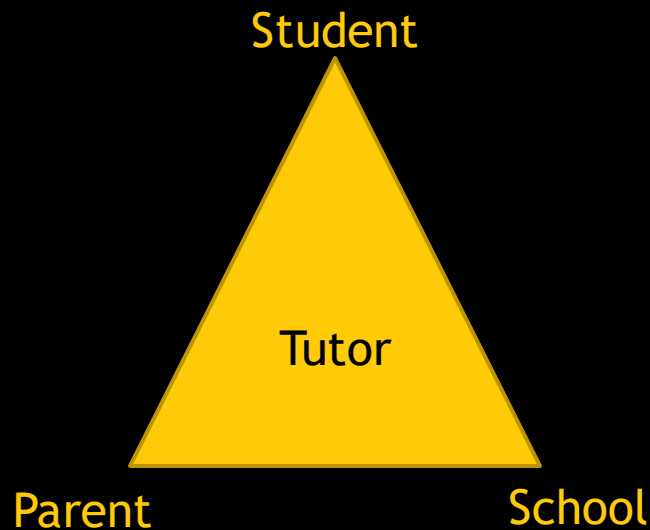
Waytemore Form Tutor: Miss V. Byrne

Tutor support:

Form registration is directed and constructive time.

Support for students on a daily basis.

Parents' first point of contact with the school.



Tutor time

- ▶ 10 minutes everyday from 8.30-8.40am
- ▶ 30 minutes everyday from 3-3.30pm

Weekly routine:

Monday: Literacy

Tuesday: PSHE

Wednesday: Senior Leadership Assembly

Thursday: Head of Year Assembly

Friday: Silent reading (students must bring physical books)

As a tutor and staff team we will:

- ▶ Recognise and celebrate your (student) successes
- ▶ Respond quickly to your (student and parents) concerns
- ▶ Contact parents if we have concerns
- ▶ Issue reports and disciplinary measures
- ▶ Provide strategies for you (student) to progress
- ▶ Offer you (student) the best advice and support we can
- ▶ Have a zero tolerance on bullying

Reporting

- ▶ Daily Monitoring Log
- ▶ Punctuality Reports
- ▶ Tutor Report - academic progress, behaviour
- ▶ Head of Year Report
- ▶ More Formal Reports

Incident Investigation

- ▶ All incidents are investigated in depth and detail
- ▶ Written witness statements taken
- ▶ All sides heard. All evidence given prior to any sanction

Year 9 students are expected to:

- ▶ Arrive in school before 8.25am - 8.30am start
- ▶ To be punctual to all lessons and afternoon registration
- ▶ Wear official school uniform in line with the school policy
- ▶ To be prepared to learn every day
- ▶ To make the most of all the school offers including the fantastic range of extra-curricular clubs and activities

Year 9 students are expected to:

- ▶ To have a full set of equipment/ books for every lesson
- ▶ To work hard in lessons and make progress in their learning
- ▶ To respect teacher decisions and to follow instructions
- ▶ Treat their peers with respect
- ▶ To complete homework to a high standard and to submit it on time

Uniform

Smart, clean, well-dressed.

Hair:

- Appropriate length
- Natural Colour

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Learner Responsibilities



At all times our students need to be challenged to:

- 1. Be proactive**
- 2. Be resilient**
- 3. Regularly review work**
- 4. Listen carefully to others**
- 5. Collaborate to everyone's mutual benefit**

...be Black & Gold!

Resilient Learners in Year 9

- ▶ Attendance - come in despite minor ailments.
- ▶ Seek support before deadlines.
- ▶ Work away from mobile phone distractions.
- ▶ Self-motivation - recognising the intrinsic value of tasks.
- ▶ Going beyond the minimum - enjoying the challenge.
- ▶ Valuing and respecting the contributions of others - dealing with difference.
- ▶ Attempting to solve problems independently.

EduLink One



- ▶ Students are expected to keep on top of their homework, to submit it on time and to meet the teacher's expectations.
- ▶ Failure to hand in homework will result in a 1 hour afterschool detention with the subject teacher.
- ▶ Afterschool detentions are non-negotiable. Failure to attend will result in a longer subject leader afterschool detention.
- ▶ Forgetting to bring homework is not an excuse
- ▶ Parents have a log-in

Homework in Year 9

- ▶ Support available in Homework Club.
Two LSAs, after school every day.
- ▶ **However - students should not be attempting to complete all work at school.**
- ▶ **Avoid distractions at home.**

How will teachers use feedback to support students?

- ▶ What do we mean by feedback?
- ▶ Types of feedback your son will receive
- ▶ Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time (DIRT)
- ▶ What can you do at home?

Social Media and Communications

- ▶ **Distraction**
- ▶ **Do you know what your son is doing on his phone?**
- ▶ **Who is contacting him?**
- ▶ **Bill payer is legally responsible for device**
- ▶ **Communications standards**

Mobile Phones at TBSHS (Y7-11)

- ▶ Mobile phones should not be seen or heard anywhere on the school site before or during school unless given specific permission by a member of staff.
- ▶ At the end of the day, if you need to arrange to be picked up, you should not use your phone until out of the school building.

Mobile Phones at TBSHS (Y7-11)

- ▶ Failure to follow these rules will result in your mobile phone being confiscated until the end of the week or for your parent/carer to have to make an appointment to collect the phone no earlier than 24 hours after the confiscation.
- ▶ If confiscated on a Friday, the phone will be held until the following Monday

Parental Responsibility

- ▶ Ensure students are prepared with the correct uniform and equipment: fully stocked pencil case, PE kit, DT apron, calculator, textbooks and exercise books.
- ▶ Check Edulink: homework, achievement, behaviour, attendance and punctuality.
- ▶ Check homework is completed to a high standard.

Parental Responsibility

- ▶ Provide a quiet environment for home study.
- ▶ To encourage your son to take part in at least 2 extra-curricular clubs per week.
- ▶ Ask your son what he has done during the school day.

Health matters.

- ▶ Please ensure students receive a good nights sleep.

According to NHS, 14-16 year old children require 9 hours sleep per night.

“Evidence shows that night time sleep is just as important as healthy eating and exercise for children to develop. Those who don’t get enough sleep are more likely to be overweight or obese. This is because they tend to crave and eat sugary or starchy food during the day to give them energy to stay awake.”

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Childrenssleep/Pages/howmuchsleep.aspx>

- ▶ Healthy breakfast and morning snacks, provision for school dinner or healthy packed lunch.
- ▶ Talk through concerns with someone you trust, good mental health supports successful learning and development.

Mr D Harvey
Assistant
Headteacher

Attendance: Key to success

- ▶ 2021 GCSE exams -
 - ▶ Student achieving a level 5 - 9 in English & Maths average attendance 96.3%
 - ▶ Students not achieving higher than a level 3 in English & Maths average attendance 91.1%
- ▶ Last year, the year 11 group attendance was the best in the school and well above national average.

Attendance Reminders

- ▶ Try to book medical appointments in school holidays.
- ▶ Do not take students out of school in term time for holidays.
- ▶ 'Attendance Concern' school-to-home communications.

Reporting Absence

- ▶ Absence on the day or medical appointment:

Please use Edulink.

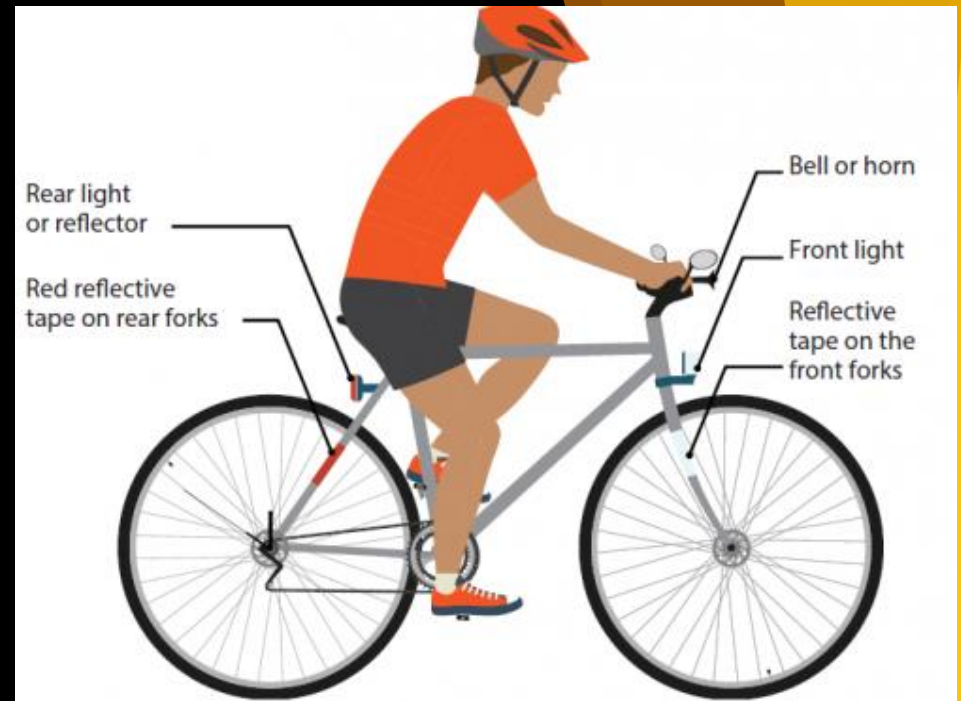
For medical appointments, at least two days prior, with supporting documentation.

- ▶ Absence request in exceptional circumstances:

Form for written request available on school website

Cycle Safety

- ▶ When riding to and from school, students are expected to wear helmets.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

- ▶ Bronze DofE programme available to Y9 students
- ▶ Run by Mr Mead



Bronze (Year 9+)	Volunteering 3 months	Physical 3 months	Skills 3 months	Expedition 2 days 1 night
	Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section			

Duke of Edinburgh Award

- ▶ Extra curricular club each Friday lunchtime for training activities and administration.
- ▶ Every summer term - expedition weekend for those ready to complete the award.
- ▶ Assembly tomorrow will provide more information.

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Contact

Subject Concerns: The subject teacher

Pastoral Concerns: Tutor / Head of Year