



The Bishop's Stortford High School

A truly all-round education



Entry
2026



Our values:

- commitment
- aspiration
- respect
- integrity
- community

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Welcome from the Headteacher

The Bishop's Stortford High School is an inclusive school, which maintains high standards and expectations, within a well-structured, formal environment, and provides superb opportunities for every student. By combining excellent behaviour and high-quality teaching with our very successful extra-curricular programme, we really do deliver 'a truly all-round education'. This is reflected each year in our impressive GCSE and A-Level results and the attitudes of our students. In 2025, 38% of all GCSE results were at least a grade 7 and 90% were at least a grade 4. At A-Level, 58% of all grades were an A*, A or B. The school's motto: 'Respice, Aspice, Prospice' encourages us to reflect on our past experiences, make the most of the present and prepare effectively for future challenges. Ofsted judged us to be Outstanding once again in May 2023. Their report opened with: "*Pupils achieve highly at this **stunning** school.*"

Having relocated to our wonderful new school site on Beaumont Avenue in September 2024, we are delighted to finally have a superb learning environment that our students richly deserve. We have spent a year getting used to our new surroundings and working out how best to utilise the fantastic facilities and exploring how we can provide even more opportunities for the students and the community. Whilst we shall certainly retain the strong values and ethos that have served us so well, we can now do so in a school designed and built for the future, equipped with cutting edge technology and state-of-the-art teaching spaces, that will give our students an even better quality of experience than we have been able to in the past.

Our important core values of *Commitment, Aspiration, Respect, Integrity* and *Community* help us develop the qualities, skills and character that ensure our students grow up to become fine young citizens who contribute positively to society.

All can achieve at TBSHS, irrespective of their ability or learning needs, because we provide the structure and clear boundaries that benefit all young people. Ofsted commented: "*Leaders and teachers have the same high expectations for pupils with SEND.*" and "*...pupils with SEND engage enthusiastically and have access to the same curriculum as their peers.*" A very special '*Black & Gold spirit*' exists amongst students and staff, which is strengthened by the unparalleled enrichment activities that take place beyond the classroom.

We provide the care and support all students need to thrive and enjoy school life. We develop independence, resilience and leadership, and we very much work in partnership with parents to ensure we achieve positive outcomes.

We are fully committed to developing thoughtful, capable, responsible young people who care about their own progress, want to learn and are keen to contribute to our community. This is a great school, staffed with passionate, inspirational teachers, and is a special place for children to learn and grow.



Mr Dale Reeve BSc (Hons) , Headteacher



Last year, after nearly 70 years on our previous site, we opened our brand-new campus on Beaumont Avenue. We very much retain the same strong ethos and proud traditions that make TBSHS an Outstanding school.

We are blessed with a wonderful new facility which includes 11 specialist Science Labs, two Drama Studios, a large Main Hall and performance space, large Sixth Form centre, a huge six-court Sports Hall, a Strength & Conditioning gym, three rugby/football pitches and three floodlit netball courts. We also have a large, floodlit All Weather Pitch which can be deployed as two 9-a-side pitches or one 11-a-side football pitch and comes complete with a shock pad beneath the carpet, to make it suitable for playing both rugby and football. We can accommodate Six Forms of Entry (180 students per year group) and are well-connected with bicycle lanes, new bus routes and excellent parent drop-off and pick-up space.

A New School with a Traditional Ethos



Academic Excellence, Building Character and Shaping Futures

At The Bishop's Stortford High School, we are proud to offer a truly all-round education that nurtures academic excellence. This is not merely a vision—it is a lived reality, as reflected in our vibrant school culture and the outstanding achievements of our students.

We are committed to fostering a community where every student is challenged, supported, and inspired. Our ethos—rooted in the values of respect, aspiration and commitment—permeates all aspects of school life. The 'black and gold spirit' is more than a motto; it is a shared identity that unites our students, staff, and wider community.

Our Aims

We strive to:

- **Set high expectations** for all, encouraging excellence in academic, personal, and social development
- **Deliver high-quality, engaging teaching** that promotes deep understanding and academic success
- **Enrich student experience** through a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, leadership roles, and community engagement
- **Foster confident, articulate learners** who think critically and act with integrity
- **Equip students with the skills and values** needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world and contribute positively to society

Our students are encouraged to be curious, compassionate, and courageous. They are supported by expert teachers who challenge them with ambitious content, encourage precise thinking and communication, and provide tailored support when needed. This includes a strong commitment to inclusion, ensuring that students with special educational needs and/or disabilities access the same high-quality curriculum and opportunities as their peers.

We cultivate a culture of scholarship and a love of reading, with initiatives such as paired reading and targeted literacy support helping all students to flourish. Beyond the classroom, students take part in a rich programme of clubs, competitions, and charitable initiatives, developing leadership, teamwork, and a strong sense of social responsibility.

Our school is a place where students feel safe, respected, and valued. Behaviour is exemplary, and students are empowered to be themselves. Sixth formers serve as role models, leading by example and contributing actively to school life.

The Bishop's Stortford High School continues to be a place where excellence is expected, character is built, and futures are shaped.



“The ‘black and gold spirit’ permeates the school community. These are the school values that the pupils live by daily.”
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Helping all our Students to Reach Their Full Potential

The Bishop's Stortford High School is a high-achieving academic school with a new school building designed to enhance learning. From the outset, students are encouraged to be meticulous and self-disciplined in their approach to their studies.

Students at the school follow a five-year programme of study, culminating in the majority completing 9 or 10 GCSEs. In their first two years, students follow a common core curriculum, in line with the requirements of the National Curriculum. This consists of English, Mathematics, Computer Science, Science, Art, Design Technology, Drama, Modern Foreign Languages, Geography, History, Music, Physical Education, PSHE, Religious Studies, and Citizenship. In Year 8, students continue to study one language from French or German.

In Year 7, students are primarily taught in all-ability groups, although there is some setting in Mathematics and Languages. Further setting by ability is introduced in Year 9.

In Year 9, students can begin to narrow down the number of subjects they study before making their final option choices and deciding which subjects to pursue through to GCSE level. As such, Year 9 serves as a GCSE Foundation Year, equipping students with the skills and knowledge necessary to begin their full GCSE courses in Year 10.

In Years 10 and 11, all students study GCSEs in English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Science, a Humanity, and a Modern Foreign Language. The remainder of their study programme consists of option subjects, which currently include Art, Business Studies, Design and Technology, Drama, French, Geography, German, History, Latin, Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies, and Separate Sciences. Students also have RS and Citizenship as well as Physical Education lessons.

All students in all year groups follow a Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education curriculum.





Sixth Formers at TBSHS are Leaders and Role Models

The Bishop's Stortford High School Sixth Form is an integral part of the School community.

Over half of our Sixth Form is made up of students who completed Year 7 to 11 at TBSHS, and over 70% of Sixth Form students decide to progress to university each year with an increasing amount gaining excellent apprenticeships in a variety of careers. The school regularly sends students to leading UK universities including Oxford and Cambridge in addition to supporting applications to highly competitive apprenticeship schemes.

As they enter Post-16 study, they will be joined by many students from other schools to create a community of 400 students, of which over a third are female. In this diverse Sixth Form we offer outstanding teaching across 26 subjects, which allows all students to pursue a broad curriculum to equip them for the challenges they will face at Post-18 level.

Our high academic standards are mirrored by our outstanding enrichment and sports programme, and we take great pride in our holistic approach to developing every individual. All our Sixth Formers have access to an unrivalled range of extra-curricular activities, established student leadership opportunities, a dynamic Citizenship programme and opportunities to support local and national charities. We are very proud of our school value of community, and we regularly host Sixth Form events and trips to develop friendships and bring the cohort together. Our ethos and standards ensure our sixth formers become important role models and valued leaders in our school and beyond.

This all occurs in our brand new Sixth Form Centre, which is a truly wonderful space, dedicated to sixth form students and provides an excellent social and learning environment.



**“Sixth-form students regularly secure the top
grades at A level.”
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Pastoral Care and Academic Tutoring

At The Bishop's Stortford High School we place great emphasis upon the central role the Form Tutor plays in your child's academic, emotional, social and personal development.

Every tutor works hard to ensure that your child has the best possible pastoral support whilst at TBSHS. The tutor is a mentor, advisor and role model; your son's first stop for help and support. Tutors deliver the PSHE curriculum as they know their tutees best. We also believe in the important part the tutor plays particularly in the academic development of every student. Through our Mentoring Programme, we ensure that every child has 1:1 meeting time with their tutor focusing on social, emotional and academic development.

At TBSHS we operate a year group system for grouping students in forms. From Year 7, your son will stay with his form group, ideally with the same tutor, until he completes his GCSEs in Year 11. In the Sixth Form, your son's form group will change, and they will stay with this form group until the end of Year 13.

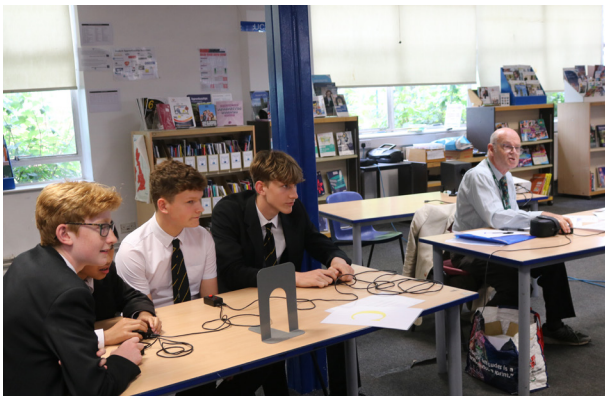
The Form Tutors, Inclusion Managers and Heads of Year 13 regularly communicate with parents and carers, both individually and through Standards Evenings. They are also available to discuss students' welfare at a time mutually convenient to staff and to parents/carers.



**“There are many leadership opportunities, such as being house captain or school councillor, for pupils to enjoy.”
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The House System

The House System at The Bishop's Stortford High School inspires students to academic rigour whilst also reflecting the emphasis that the school places upon extra-curricular involvement and competition, leading to excellence in all areas. When your son joins TBSHS he will be placed in one of six houses: Chantry, Dane, Meads, Shaw, Twyford or Waytemore, for the duration of his education.

Each House is led by a Head of House, assisted by a Year 11 House President, supporting the running of House Events, and Form Captains and Deputies who are elected in each form in Years 7 to 10 to arrange teams for the competitions. Students get the opportunity to gather during House assemblies throughout the year to celebrate their successes and update them on upcoming events. The House system is an important way in which students can immerse themselves in the life of the school outside of lessons and also take on important roles of responsibility.

The House calendar is busy and varied, and has grown further since moving to the new site. Students compete in a wide variety of disciplines in our fantastic new facilities including music, sport, drama, debating and quizzing, allowing all students to get involved. House points are awarded for participating in and support House events whilst also being given to individuals for achievement and endeavour, linked to the school values, in and out of the classroom. At the end of each academic year, the House that has amassed the most House Points is declared the House Champions, and within each year group the best performing House takes the House Shield.

Enriching Your Child's Experience

Central to the ethos of The Bishop's Stortford High School is the commitment to "a truly all-round education".

At TBSHS we believe that school is more than just what happens in the classroom; all students' lives should be enriched through cultural, sporting and wider experiences.

Our marvellous staff are committed to running clubs, teams and societies. Along with the many sport, music and drama activities, our outstanding extra-curricular provision includes public speaking, debating, art club, chess club, Warhammer club and so much more. For the Autumn-Winter Term 2025, Year 7 students will have a choice of more than 50 extra-curricular activities to attend each week starting before school and going on into the evening, Monday to Friday. The range of opportunities is vast and all students are expected to play a full role in the extra-curricular life of the school.

Many students at TBSHS take part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme – the character-building and challenging programme for young people aged 14 or over (Years 9 to 13).

We are equally proud of the opportunities we offer our students to visit places in the local area, UK and further afield. This year we are once again planning for all Year 7 students to go back to basics on the Bushcraft trip, Epping Forest for geography fieldwork and Warwick Castle with the history department. Later on in their time at TBSHS, students will have the opportunity to play cricket in Guernsey, ski in Austria and practise their languages in France and Germany. These trips are just a taste of our offer!

The extra-curricular timetable can be easily accessed via the links tab in Edulink or via the School Life tab on our website.



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The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme combines service, adventure and new skills for young people and allows pupils to show personal initiative and independence, by working towards an Award which is well-regarded by both universities and employers. We have active groups at Bronze (Year 9) and Gold (Years 12) Award Levels. The Award encourages pupils to involve themselves fully in the extra-curricular options open to them at TBSHS and perhaps try an activity which they would not otherwise have considered. Both levels of Award require a commitment to regular participation in a programme of activities which the students choose within each of the four Award 'Sections':

- Physical Activity – i.e. using our new strength training facilities
- Volunteering – i.e. helping in the library or as part of our "Interact" club
- Skill – i.e. learning how to play a new instrument or developing your coding skills
- Expedition – a trip which you'll remember for the rest of your life!

The Gold Award also includes a Residential Section, which requires a week-long trip away from home, with new people. The students select their own activities in most of the Sections, keeping track of and logging their participation and development online. In school, we monitor their progress and train for the Expedition Section both in classroom sections, and through use of the outdoor spaces in our school site.

The students don't just get blisters, a certificate and – at Gold level – a visit to The Palace, but they gain skills, confidence, a real sense of achievement, and memories that will last a lifetime.



“Having exposure early on to a wide set of experiences, including trips and competitions, means that pupils bond quickly and join in with the school’s community spirit.”

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The Stage is Set at TBSHS

Drama at TBSHS is not just an extra-curricular activity – it is a thriving, dynamic, and deeply valued part of school life.

Every year, the school boasts a rich and ambitious calendar of dramatic events. From our much-anticipated Whole School Production and the fiercely competitive House Drama Festival, to our GCSE and A Level Drama and Theatre Studies performance evenings, there are endless opportunities for students to take centre stage or work their magic behind the scenes.

Whether you're passionate about acting, designing sets, composing and playing in the band, operating lighting and sound, or managing backstage and front of house there's a role for everyone. Students from all year groups, including Sixth Form girls, are actively involved, making Drama a truly inclusive and collaborative experience.

We are proud to have two fully equipped drama studios purpose built for performances as well as our large main school hall, which transforms into a bustling theatre for larger scale productions.

Recent productions have dazzled audiences and showcased exceptional talent, with titles including *Les Misérables*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *School of Rock*, *Disco Inferno*, *Oliver*, *Guys & Dolls*, *The Tempest*, and *Our House*. Our rich history also features landmark productions such as *Rent*, George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Macbeth*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and the intergalactic musical adventure *Return to the Forbidden Planet*.

Our students frequently go on to shine beyond our own stage, with many starring in West End shows, National Theatre tours, and TV productions. Each year, we are delighted to see TBSHS students gaining places in the National Youth Theatre, National Youth Music Theatre, top Drama Schools, and universities offering Theatre and Performance Studies. At TBSHS, the curtain is always rising on the next exciting opportunity.





Music Hits the Right Note

TBSHS is proud of its musical traditions and provision and the department has continued to thrive after making its new home at Beaumont Avenue. A large percentage of our students learn a musical instrument, and many more participate in the extensive extra-curricular programme offered by the Music department. Music at TBSHS is an inclusive and supportive network of committed staff and students, who all strive for excellence in performance through dedicated and purposeful practise. Our approach is perhaps typified by the annual Y7 concert, in which over 170 young voices come together in song to perform to a sold-out audience of family and friends, and this all before finished their first half-term with us. As well as our brand-new concert hall, we also have two large teaching rooms for curriculum work and rehearsals, 6 spacious practice rooms and a large recording studio.

We offer an exciting and varied extra-curricular music programme in which all students - regardless of their musical experience - are invited to contribute. Our extensive and varied programme of choirs and bands really does cover all ages, abilities and tastes, and our showcase concerts are a triumph of student endeavour. The Concert Band and Swing Band cater for the most advanced performers in the school, and alongside them, the Chamber Choir features our most talented singers. Two recent performances by the Choir at the Royal Albert Hall are a testament to their commitment and skill. We also have a wide range of other chamber groups that rehearse weekly, including: string ensembles, brass ensemble, junior band, jazz bands, percussion group, ukulele group, barbershop group and a variety of rock and soul bands. The choir also features in the Christmas and Easter Services where they lead the whole school in carol singing as well as helping to provide moments of musical reflection. The Music department is also involved in the bi-annual

school productions run by the Drama department which this year will showcase the musical, *Our House*. We regularly have students completing their grade 8 exam in musical performance and currently have a student working as a Creative Associate with the National Youth Orchestra.

The most prestigious part of our concert programme is our annual House Music Festival, in which the title of Musician of the Year is awarded to the most outstanding performer. In recent years we have hosted guest adjudicators such as: Derek Nash (Jools Holland's Rhythm and Blues Orchestra), Craig Ogden (Classic FM artist), John Cameron (Musical Theatre Composer), Rebecca Miller (Internationally renowned composer) and Jazz trombone legend, Jiggs Whigham (Glenn Miller; Count Basie; Stan Tracey) to name a few.

The Student Music Leadership Programme encourages young musicians to take on a production role within the department by managing and leading ensembles, and supporting the organisation and running of concerts. This is lead by our Student Leader of Music, who each year plays a vital role in the organisation and running of the extra-curricular programme.

We offer a diverse range of individual or group instrumental lessons which are taught by a team of visiting teachers offering: piano/keyboard, voice, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone(s), trumpet, French horn, lower brass, drums, bass guitar and both classical and electric guitar.

We look forward to welcoming you and working alongside you in the music department at TBSHS; we will be committed to helping, inspiring, guiding and encouraging you towards your full potential.

“ I was very impressed with the whole evening and the standard of the students. They were so polite and presented themselves so beautifully, spoke to the audience with great confidence, and of course played with great assurance as well.”

Rebecca Miller, Principal Conductor & Guest Judge, March 2025





"TBSHS sport is absolutely fantastic. The incomparable dedication of the staff is outstanding. It's no wonder the school produces top sportsmen and women from county to international levels."



A Sporting Life

PE and Games are a central part of the life of The Bishop's Stortford High School. We aim to develop fully the potential of all our students in lessons, as well as through our extensive and unrivalled programme of extra-curricular activities. It is our hope that all our students take the opportunity to enjoy sport in order to develop an active, healthy and balanced lifestyle for the rest of their life.

The School's sporting facilities are among the finest of their kind in the country. Our fantastic Jobbers Wood sports complex boasts six football and rugby pitches, plus three cricket pitches. The School also boasts a large 6 badminton court sports hall, extensive sports fields incorporating 3 football pitches, a brand new 4G all-weather pitch suitable for football and rugby, as well as a state-of-the-art strength and conditioning suite. This has allowed us to create links with a variety of local sports clubs as well as the London Mavericks Netball Team.

Staff dedicate many hours to organising and coaching our teams and squads. We have an impressive and prestigious fixtures card in all major sports, playing against leading independent and state schools at Local and National level. The School competes in many major national competitions, which has seen us become the National U14 football champions (2020) and National U15 football champions (2016), U18 County Cup football champions (2018 & 2019) and finalists in 2024 & 2025, U14 County Cup football champions (2025) U13 County Cup champions (2023), U14 County Cup rugby champions (2018), English Schools National Golf finalists (2017, 2019 & 2024), U12 County Cricket finalists (2023) and qualifying for the National finals in Cross-Country (2022, 2023 & 2024). Our most recent success has been the introduction of Handball, which saw us become U13 County and Regional champions before finishing 9th overall in the National Finals.

Each weekend TBSHS fields up to 15 teams in the major sports: Rugby and Cross-Country in the Autumn term; Football in the Spring term; and Cricket and Athletics in the Summer term. All students regardless of ability are encouraged to participate and represent the school at a range of sports with over 40 hours of extra-curricular activities taking place every week including Basketball, Badminton, Cross-Country, Running club, Short Tennis and Table Tennis alongside the more traditional activities.

There are many opportunities for students to participate in sports tours both at home and abroad. In recent years, students from TBSHS have competed against their counterparts in Guernsey (Junior Cricket), Ghana (Football whilst working in the local communities), Holland (Cricket Coaching) and South Africa (Senior Rugby Tour). We look to organise a major tour every three years with the Senior Teams travelling to South Africa for rugby in 2026 and Sri Lanka for cricket in 2025.





Travel and Trips to Broaden Horizons

Throughout their time at TBSHS, students are given many opportunities to take part in trips, either as part of the curriculum or as an enrichment activity. Many subject areas offer day-trips e.g. geography field trips, art gallery visits, drama performances and visits to Westminster to name but a few.

Students may also be given the opportunity to take part in language exchanges with students in France and Germany or take part in an immersive residential languages experience in either subject. We believe passionately that the students who attend our school are the global citizens of the future and should be able to play a full part in their world. This is also the reason why we attach such great importance to them learning foreign languages.

One of the great highlights for year 7 students is the Bushcraft residential experience in June during which students are taken out of their comfort zone by sleeping under the stars and experiencing how to live off the land - lifelong memories are created.

In year 9 and 12, many students take up the opportunity to be involved in the Bronze and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards, the latter involving expeditions to the Brecon Beacons and Snowdonia.

We have also developed a regular sports tour programme that includes rugby, cricket and netball. Our senior rugby teams have toured South Africa several times in recent years and we will be visiting again in 2026. We also have a biennial senior cricket tour to Sri Lanka and a Year 9 tour to Guernsey, as well as a netball tour to Guernsey in the sixth form. We run a ski trip every year during February half-term.

A list of the trips and visits currently offered (with approximate costs) can be accessed via the School Life tab on our website.



“Pupils benefit from the extensive range of experiences that leaders have designed to enrich their wider development.”
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Becoming Good Citizens



At The Bishop's Stortford High School, we aim to empower, inspire and nurture students to be caring, responsible, resilient, respectful global citizens who demonstrate the School values of commitment, aspiration, respect, integrity and community in their time at school and beyond.

Such values of service and selflessness are essential to "The Black and Gold Spirit" where students look after others, and their environment, as well as themselves.

This character and values education are seen in: lessons; extra-curricular activities; conduct around the School and in the Community.

This is further evidenced in: our assemblies, regularly featuring the school hymn "Jerusalem"; a daily moral message to all students and the community; an Act of Remembrance on, or on the nearest weekday to, 11th November; Christmas and Easter Services at Saint Michael's Church; the work of the school council, where every form group is represented; Citizenship and Religious Studies classes, where current moral and spiritual issues are appropriately and respectfully discussed; year group visits to the Palace of Westminster, the U.K. Supreme Court, Westminster Abbey and different places of religious worship; Black History Month; Pride Month; International Women's Day; World Mental Health Day and various awareness-raising work; and various community, environmental and sustainability projects and community volunteering.



Interact, a charity group, led by the students, and supported by The Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford, and a soon to commence its 35th year at the School, raises money for, and awareness of, good causes, locally, nationally and internationally.

For a number of years, the School has hosted high calibre speakers to share their values and experience. Former students of TBSHS also visit to share their story. The school recently hosted Andrew Lewin MP. Andrew was elected at the 2024 General Election to serve the constituency of Welwyn and Hatfield. Andrew is a former student of the school.

Other guest speakers have recently and regularly hosted include: Hannah Lewis MBE, a Holocaust survivor; Peter Tatchell; Natasha Devon MBE; David Dein MBE; Clare Balding CBE; Phoebe Schecter and Clive Tyldesley. This last academic year we have hosted Sam Reardon, who won two bronze medals at the Olympics in Paris, and Bishop James Jones KBE, the former Bishop of Liverpool, Brendon Batson OBE, the pioneering black footballer, Amelia Reynolds from BBC East and a live broadcast of the "Radio Four" programme "Any Questions?"

At The Bishop's Stortford High School, students, staff, parents and families, create memories, and demonstrate, values for life.

"Pupils' willingness to put others first is impressive. They enthusiastically fundraise for charity and contribute well to the local community, working with primary-age children and the elderly." OFSTED 2023

"Pupils are polite, well
mannered and kind."
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Working in Partnership with your Children



The Bishop's Stortford High School is a community where students, parents and teachers work together towards shared goals. Parents' support and encouragement has been, and continues to be, vital in enabling our students to flourish in their education.

The School has three distinct fund-raising groups, which each aim to mobilise support from the community of the School to provide equipment, improved facilities and opportunities for our students. The three groups are Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA), The Parents' Sports Association (PSA) and The Mitre Fund.

The Mitre Fund is also a registered charity to 'advance the education of students at the Bishop's Stortford High School, by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school'. It provides a platform for making either one-off or regular cash donations to the school, to support specific enrichment projects and to allow the School to continue to deliver an outstanding experience for all of the students to engage in. These contributions are invaluable in assisting with the provision of facilities for the School in the pursuit of excellence and enhancing our students' educational and extra-curricular experience. The Fund makes purchases, which the School would not otherwise be able to make from its allocated budget. Proposals from the School are subject to approval by the Trustees. Recent purchases this year include a 3-D Printer for Design Technology, Ergonomic and LED Microscopes for the Science Department, School Counselling services for all year groups, Wi-Fi Tablets and computer desking plus electronic chess clocks for the Chess Club. Other recent purchases include Music Technology: Software, licences and computer equipment; drinking water fountains; new stage lighting for the hall; funding for new work stations in the sixth form and a substantial contribution to the canopy installed adjacent to the servery.

The school's PTFA has worked to provide many major additions to TBSHS including a Broadway Studio Theatre with professional lighting and staging. They also purchased school minibuses, our grand piano, outdoor table tennis tables and contributed to the servery canopy fund. The PTFA's fundraising and social activities provide something for everyone, including bingo nights, quiz nights, discos and the annual Christmas Candlelit Ball. They also run a second hand uniform stall throughout the year, to help with the costs of keeping growing boys looking smart. Furthermore, they generously provide refreshments at major School events including Parents Evenings and Open Evenings, which helps create such a welcoming atmosphere.

A small group of passionate and forward-thinking parents, aided and encouraged by the PE Department, set up the PSA approximately 20 years ago. The aim was to enable students of all abilities to have as many extra-curricular sporting opportunities as possible. The PSA today stay true to these values. Raising approximately £60,000 per annum through varied fundraising evenings, events subscriptions and The PSA Prize Draw. Their funds support both mass participation and elite athletes and are committed to making our students' sporting life at TBSHS as fulfilled and varied as their academic life.

“Pupils are ambitious for their futures. They receive helpful careers information, education, advice and guidance. They participate in a wide range of employer engagement activities, including work experience.”
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At The Bishop's Stortford High School, the safety and well-being of our students is paramount. We are dedicated to providing a secure and supportive environment where every student can thrive. Our commitment to safeguarding is unwavering, and we rigorously adhere to all legal protocols and best practice procedures to make sure our students experience TBSHS as a safe place to learn and work.

All members of our staff are entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding our students. They receive comprehensive and ongoing safeguarding training, and all undergo enhanced DBS checks to ensure the highest standards of safety.

Our safeguarding team is led by Miss Wendy Butler, our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Senior Mental Health Lead. She is supported by our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr. Dale Reeve, Mr. George Munro, and Mrs. Natalie Miles.

Together, we strive to create a nurturing and secure environment where every student feels safe, valued, and empowered to succeed.

Safeguarding

"Behaviour is exemplary in lessons and around the school. Pupils feel safe to be themselves. There is little bullying because this does not fit with their respectful attitudes."
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