



The Bishop's Stortford High School

A truly all-round education



Entry
2027



Our values:

- commitment
- aspiration
- respect
- integrity
- community

A truly all-round education



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 2026, 34% of all GCSE results were at least a grade 7 and 89% were at least a grade 4. At A-Level, 64% 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 now have the superb learning environment that our students richly deserve. We have spent a couple of years getting used to our new surroundings, working out how best to utilise the fantastic facilities and exploring how we can provide even more opportunities for the students and wider community. Whilst we 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 give our students an even better quality of experience than we were able to on our old site.

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 fantastic school, staffed with passionate, inspirational teachers, and is a special place for children to learn and grow.



Mr Dale Reeve BSc (Hons) , Headteacher

A New School with a Traditional Ethos

In September 2024, after nearly 70 years on our previous site, we opened our brand-new campus on Beaumont Avenue, just in time for the academic year.

We are blessed with a wonderful new facility which includes 11 specialist Science Labs, two air-conditioned Drama Studios, a large Main Hall and performance space, sixth form centre, a six-court Sports Hall, a Strength & Conditioning gym, three rugby/football pitches and three floodlit netball courts. In September 2025 we opened our floodlit All-Weather Pitch (AWP), which can be deployed as two 9-a-side football pitches or one 11-a-side pitch and comes complete with a shock pad, to make it suitable for playing rugby.

The School accommodates six Forms of Entry (180 students per year group) and is well-connected with cycle lanes and a new bus route. We have secure, cycle storage for 350 bicycles, excellent parent drop-off/pick-up space and a dedicated car park for sixth form students.



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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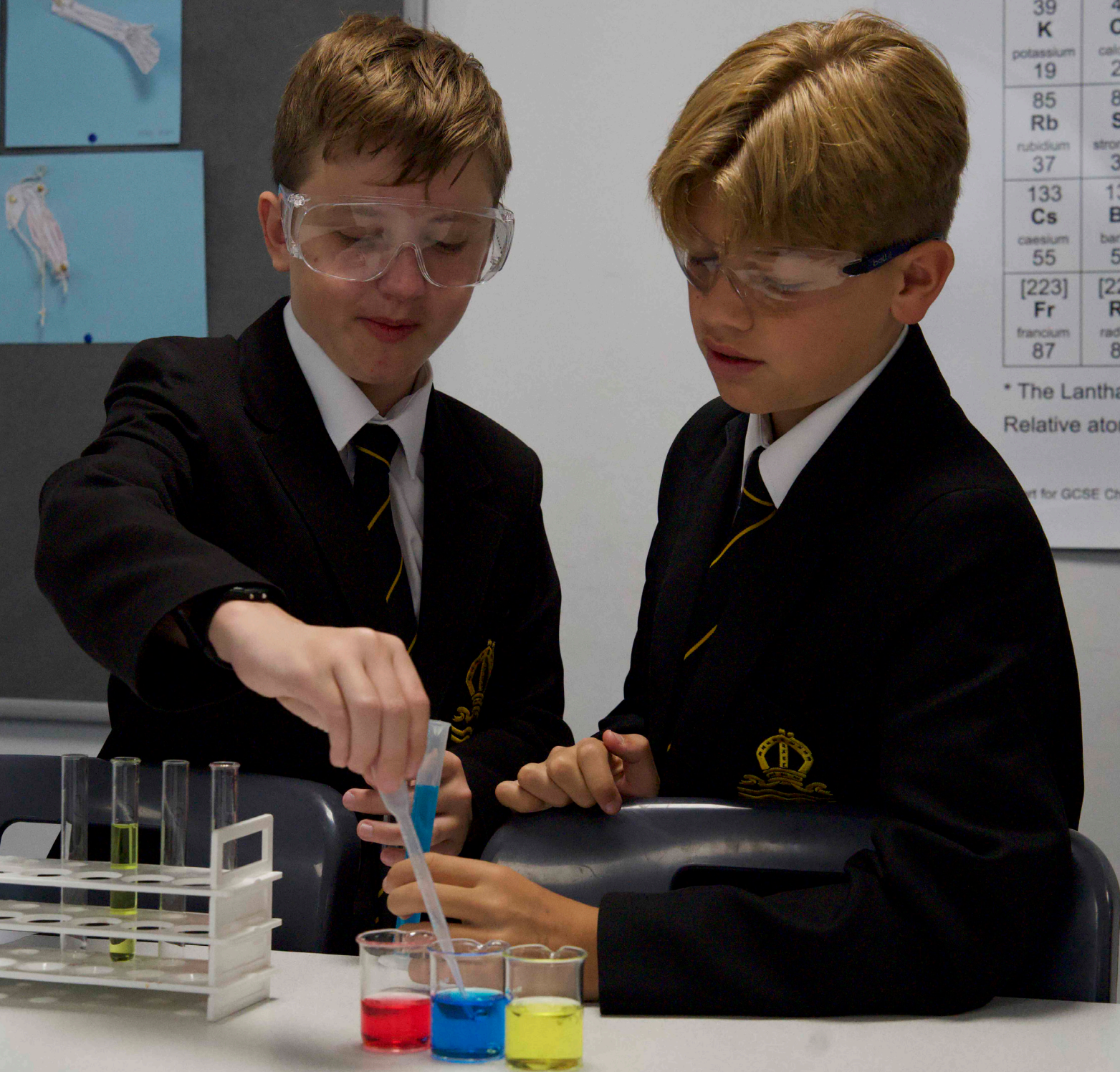
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Helping all our Students to Reach Their Full Potential

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.

During Year 9, students study their Foundation GCSE courses, equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to begin their full GCSE courses in Year 10. In Years 10 and 11, all students study for GCSEs in English (usually 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, Food Technology, 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 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 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 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 lies at the heart of life at The Bishop's Stortford High School. On joining TBSHS, each student becomes a member of one of six Houses: Chantry, Dane, Meads, Shaw, Twyford or Waytemore. Students retain this House identity throughout their time at the School, including into the Sixth Form. Through a programme of regular enrichment opportunities, Year 12 and 13 students continue representing their House while also contributing to the delivery of events

Each House is led by a Head of House and supported by a Year 11 House President. Within Years 7 to 11, every form elects a House Captain and Deputy House Captain.

The House calendar is busy, varied and inclusive. Recent programmes have included sporting, creative, academic and cultural opportunities such as rugby, table tennis, darts, dodgeball, football, netball, tug-of-war, cricket and Sports Day, alongside debating, chess, quizzes, music, drama, photography, spelling competitions and creative challenges. This breadth ensures that every student has a meaningful opportunity to represent their House.

House Points recognise positive contribution in all areas of school life. They are awarded for demonstrating the school's values: showing **Commitment** by persevering in the face of challenge; **Aspiration** by working towards ambitious goals; **Respect** through an outstanding attitude towards others; **Integrity** by doing what is right, especially when it is not the easiest option; and Community through actions that benefit others.

House assemblies provide regular occasions to celebrate achievement. At the end of each academic year, the House with the greatest overall number of House Points is crowned House Champion and the highest-performing House within each year group is awarded the House Shield.

Through the House System, students are encouraged not simply to take part, but to belong, contribute, lead and excel as members of The Bishop's Stortford High School community.



Enriching Your Child's Experience

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

At TBSHS, we believe that school is about far more than what happens in the classroom; every student should benefit from a rich programme of cultural, sporting and wider experiences.

Our dedicated staff run an extensive range of clubs, teams and societies. Alongside our many sporting, music and drama opportunities, our outstanding extra-curricular provision includes public speaking, debating, art club, chess club, Warhammer club and much more. During the Autumn Term 2026, Year 7 students will be able to choose from over 50 activities each week, running before school and into the evening, Monday to Friday. The range of opportunities is extensive, and all students are encouraged 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 – a challenging and character-building programme for young people aged 14 and over (Years 9 to 13).

We are equally proud of the opportunities we offer students to visit places locally, across the UK and further afield. This year, we are once again planning for all Year 7 students to experience a 'back-to-basics' Bushcraft trip, visit Epping Forest for geography fieldwork, and explore Warwick Castle with the history department. Later in their time at TBSHS, students may have the opportunity to play cricket in Guernsey, ski in Austria, and practise their languages in France and Germany. These trips are just a small taste of what we offer.

The extra-curricular timetable can be easily accessed via the Links tab in Edulink or through the School Life section of our website







The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

At TBSHS, we believe that academic excellence is fundamentally intertwined with the development of robust character, independence, and personal initiative. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (DofE) serves as a cornerstone of this holistic education, offering a prestigious and internationally recognised framework that challenges our pupils to push beyond their perceived intellectual and physical boundaries. Highly regarded by Russell Group universities and leading global employers, the Award cultivates the self-reliance, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence essential for future leadership.

We offer an exceptionally active and well-supported programme at two distinct entry points: Bronze (Year 9) and Gold (Year 12). To achieve the Award, pupils must demonstrate a sustained, long-term commitment across four different sections, fostering a balanced lifestyle alongside their academic pursuits. It is entirely possible that you may already be able to use activities that you already participate in.

- 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

For our Sixth Form students, the Gold Award introduces a fifth component: the Residential Section. This requires students to spend five days away from home, collaborating with an unfamiliar peer group on a shared project: an experience that mirrors the transition to university life and develops sophisticated interpersonal skills.

While pupils retain full autonomy in selecting and managing their activities via the online eDofE portal, they are supported by dedicated and highly experienced staff. Preparation for the Expedition phase is rigorous and comprehensive; students undergo comprehensive theoretical training in the classroom alongside practical navigation and campcraft sessions utilising our extensive school grounds. Many students go on to plan their own mountainous adventures having 'caught the bug' during their time completing their DofE.

Ultimately, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at TBSHS yields far more than aching legs, certificates and, after completing the Gold award, a prestigious invitation to a Royal Palace. It equips our pupils with a profound sense of self-efficacy, an enduring resilience in the face of adversity, and a distinct competitive edge that elevates their future academic and professional endeavours.

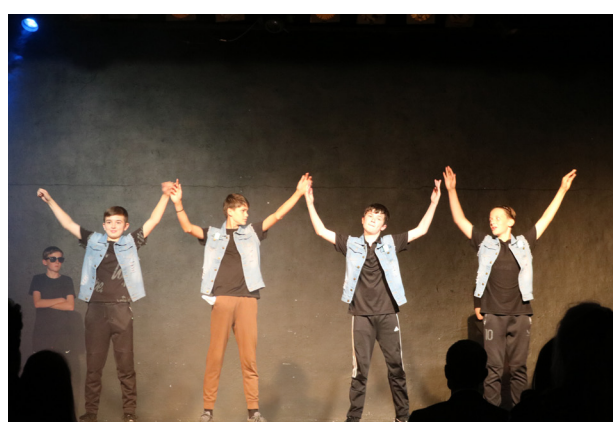
The students don't just get blisters, a certificate and – at Gold level – a visit to The Palace, but they gain skills, confidence, a real sense of achievement, and memories that will last a lifetime.





“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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Behind the Curtain; Drama 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.



Celebrating six years of A-Level, 100% A-C
success and the creativity, confidence and Black
& Gold Spirit of TBSHS Drama -July 2026



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 Year 7 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 they have 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, six 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 range of 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 conductor) 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 as well as supporting the organisation and running of concerts. This is led 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.

“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 & 2026) 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 in 2025 and U15 County Champions and finishing 9th in the National Finals in 2026.

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), Sri Lanka (Senior Cricket Tour) 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.





Travel and Trips to Broaden Horizons

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

Students may also have the opportunity to take part in language exchanges with schools in France and Germany, or to enjoy immersive residential experiences in these languages. We are passionate about developing our students as global citizens and believe it is vital that they are equipped to engage fully with the wider world. This underpins the importance we place on learning foreign languages.

One of the highlights for Year 7 is the Bushcraft residential experience in June, during which students are taken out of their comfort zones, sleeping under the stars and learning how to live off the land—creating lifelong memories.

In Year 9 and Year 12, many students take up the opportunity to participate in the Bronze and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the latter involving expeditions to the Brecon Beacons and Snowdonia.

We also run a well-established sports tour programme, including rugby, cricket and netball. Our senior rugby teams have toured South Africa several times in recent years and will visit again in July/August 2026. We also offer a biennial senior cricket tour to Sri Lanka, a Year 9 tour to Guernsey, and a Sixth Form netball tour to Guernsey. In addition, we run a ski trip every year during the February half-term.

A full list of trips and visits offered in 2025–26 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 encourage students to be good, compassionate, humble, resilient, inclusive, environmentally-friendly global citizens who demonstrate the School's values of commitment, aspiration, respect, integrity, and community.

Such values of service and selflessness are essential to "The Black, Gold, and Green Spirit" where students look after others and their environment, as well as themselves. They are seen in: lessons; extra-curricular activities; and community conduct at school and in the community.

Moral advocacy and learning is further evidenced in: our ethical and topical assemblies, which regularly feature the school hymn "Jerusalem"; a daily moral message to all students, staff and the wider community; an Act of Remembrance on, or on the nearest weekday to, the 11th of November; special 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, Wimbledon Mosque and The Buddhapadipa Buddhist Temple; themed days, weeks and months, such as Black History Month; L.G.B.T.Q.+ Pride Month; International Women's Day; World Mental Health Day; as well as a large number of community and environmental projects and volunteering.

Interact, a charity group, led by the students, and supported by The Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford, now in its 35th year at the School, raises money for, and awareness of, good causes, locally, nationally, and internationally. In the academic year of 2025 to 2026, over £10,000 has been raised for charity.

For a number of years, the School has hosted high calibre speakers to share their values and experience with the Sixth Form. Former students of T.B.S.H.S. also visit to share their

story. For example, the School hosted Andrew Lewin M.P. Andrew was elected at the 2024 General Election to serve the constituency of Welwyn and Hatfield.

Other guest speakers who have visited in the last three years have included: Hannah Lewis M.B.E., a Holocaust survivor; Bishop James Jones K.B.E., the former Bishop of Liverpool, former Deputy Prime Minister Lord Michael Heseltine; sporting leader and charitable founder David Dein M.B.E.; broadcasters Amelia Reynolds, Natasha Devon M.B.E.; Clare Balding C.B.E., Phoebe Schecter; Clive Tyldesley M.B.E.; Olympic medallist Sam Reardon; and pioneering role models Brendon Batson O.B.E. and Roland Butcher, and Patrick Hutchinson. We have hosted a "Radio Four" programme "Any Questions?" three times and the B.B.C. One programme, "Question Time" on one occasion.

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



“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.

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

The Mitre Fund is a registered charity that offers families the opportunity to make either one-off or regular donations to the school. These contributions help fund enrichment projects and play a vital role in enhancing both learning and wider school life. It enables the school to invest in resources and opportunities that would not otherwise be possible within the core budget.

All funding proposals are approved by the Fund's Trustees. Recent contributions have included: A new cover for the athletics jumping pit, Manga books for the library to encourage a love of reading, A 360° camera to enhance drama productions, Podcasting software to support media studies, Gazebos and outdoor flags to strengthen our House system and the Fund made a significant contribution towards the construction of our fantastic all-weather sports pitch.

The Mitre Fund has also supported school counselling services for students, inter-school debating, and the STEM On Track programme. The continued support of our parent community helps ensure that every student benefits from opportunities that extend well beyond the classroom.

The School's Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) plays a vital and active role in supporting life at TBSHS. All parents and carers are warmly encouraged to get involved, by attending meetings, supporting events or contributing new ideas. Through fundraising, the PTFA has enhanced the school environment, including; AV equipment and staging for the Main Hall, school minibuses, a grand piano and outdoor table tennis facilities.

The PTFA organises a wide range of social and fundraising events throughout the year including quiz nights and the annual Christmas Candlelit Ball, enabling, staff and friends to come together. In addition, the PTFA runs a second-hand uniform service to support families and promote sustainability and provides refreshments at key school occasions such as Parents' Evenings and Open Events, contributing to the welcoming atmosphere that defines TBSHS.

A small group of passionate and forward-thinking parents, 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 help to support things like the ever-increasing transport costs of travel to matches. They 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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