



BEWDLEY SIXTH FORM

Learning for Life - Achievement for All



Head's Welcome

Bewdley Sixth Form is a rare entity in today's education system, in that it encourages striving for academic excellence whilst recognising that at the same time, education is more stressful than it has ever been and students need high quality personalised support. We have a progressive and forward looking approach which means that you will get the support you need to go wherever your ambitions take you.

We work closely with our community and have recently introduced an elected Young Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Bewdley. We are building international partnerships with many countries, which alongside our growing links with local businesses and the universities sector, means a rich and varied range of opportunities for you, whatever your interests might be.

There is currently an ongoing review of our Sixth Form curriculum offer, with a view to expanding our range to meet the ever changing needs of our community. This includes a bridging course for those who have struggled with the new GCSE regime and are not quite ready for A level study. We are also considering alternative courses which may include A level subjects such as Sociology, Economics, Applied Science and Government & Politics. If you have other interests outside our current offer, come to see us and let us know.

Developing our already excellent Sixth Form is a high priority for us as a school, and I welcome you to come and see us to discuss your needs and ambitions.

Dave Hadley-Pryce
Head Teacher

Sixth Form Welcome

Bewdley Sixth Form is an established centre of proven academic success, ever evolving for curriculum change. We pride ourselves on providing a forward-thinking and innovative vision that ensures every student is ready to achieve success. As an aspirational team of staff we actively model and promote a passion for our chosen subjects; driving our school ethos of 'learning for life, achievement for all'.

A message from the Sixth Form Council

Our time at Bewdley has shaped us into the people we are today.

Bewdley Sixth Form, from the outside, may seem like any other but once you are a part of it you realise its monumental worth. It is a special place full of challenge and helpfulness and is the best place for you to study your A Levels.

The teachers are approachable and are always willing to help, never saying no to a student who requires support. The scheduled non-contact times allow a flexible school day, and allows you to work independently around your subject needs, making your time at Bewdley Sixth Form as successful as possible.

Your Sixth Form Pastoral Team consists of:

- Head of Sixth Form
- Head of Year 12
- Head of Enrichment
- Head of Student Support
- Sixth Form Learning Mentor
- Sixth Form Welfare Officer



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Being a
Bewdley
Sixth Form
Student

Bespoke Career Development Plan

We have the highest aspirations for the academic achievements of our students. The teachers at Bewdley Sixth Form know students very well and know how to best support students in achieving their ambitions. Bewdley Sixth Form teachers are experts in their field and exude a real passion for their subjects; this is combined with small class sizes to ensure all students are challenged to reach their full potential. We understand that each student is an individual and will need support in different ways; we have a pastoral system to ensure every individual receives that personalised support and guidance. All students are placed in a small form group with an experienced Sixth Form tutor. Tutors are with their students for the two years of their educational journey and help to develop the student's very own bespoke Career Development Plan - a programme that allows students to explore the variety of post-18 options and receive guidance on how to make this a reality. Our offer is unique - a Sixth Form experience where individuals are nurtured in an environment in which they can flourish, become confident and responsible adults, whilst achieving success.



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Being part of our
Sixth Form
is more than just
receiving an academic
education

"Comfortable,
well supported,
personalised and
hardworking. All the
ingredients to help you
achieve"

Student Voice

Curriculum

At Bewdley Sixth Form we provide students with the opportunity to study both A Level and BTEC subjects. Both forms of study require a focused and consistent approach and Bewdley Sixth Form provides an excellent place for this work, which includes a large computer suite and an additional bank of laptops. The Sixth Form Learning Mentor is based in this space to support students with their study and provide additional guidance and motivation with Sixth Form subjects. Around the study room are four dedicated Sixth Form teaching rooms which are also used for group study sessions.

Year 12 students are encouraged to choose the right courses for their chosen pathway and we aim to ensure, through a subject review week, that these choices allow students to access their chosen career path. Year 12 students also have the opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification; a bespoke co-curricular programme driven by the student and mentored by experienced staff from all fields within our Sixth Form subjects. Following an academic topic of their choice, students are able to hone their research, analytical and academic written skills.

We believe in working closely with our students and so we encourage them to apply for a position on the Student Council, which is the leading democratic, student voice within Sixth Form.



"I love the friendly atmosphere as I feel the teachers are there to support me"

Student Voice

The Next Step

Sixth Form tutors are committed to ensuring all students are prepared for the next step of their lives. It is often the additional experiences which set students apart - this is why we place an emphasis on encouraging all our students to grasp as many opportunities as possible. We actively promote and encourage our students to engage within the wider school as well as the Bewdley community.

An example of the types of opportunities that students can expect at Bewdley Sixth Form:

Photography Competitions and Exhibitions

Visits from active MPs and Lords

Bewdley Young Mayor

Community volunteer programmes

YOUTH FORUM

Sports Teams

National Maths Challenges

Extended Project Qualification

Charity work

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

World War battle field visits

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Sports Leadership

Peer Mentoring Scheme

Young Enterprise

Outdoor activity adventure days

Debating Competitions

Musical Performances

Mock Trial Competitions

Drama Productions

Keeping you on Track

As a Bewdley Sixth Form student, you will receive individualised support

Our pastoral system is utilised to ensure academic support is provided at the earliest opportunity. Attendance, punctuality and overall attitude to study are continuously monitored and reported on. Regular assessments and organisational checks enable us to pre-empt potential issues before they escalate. Any concerns are shared with the Sixth Form team and tutors will provide the support that students require. This will be identified through our academic mentoring process. A focus of the work we complete, as part of both our pastoral and academic support, is to create the independent student that we know will have the skills to be successful at Sixth Form and beyond. We regard Sixth Form as a three-way partnership between parents, staff and students. To this end, we communicate regularly with parents and encourage an open dialogue to support students. Academic reviews, pastoral and whole year group parents' evenings ensure both the school and parents are able to support students to fulfil their potential.

"The staff take time to ensure that you progress and do well"

Student Voice

Life Outside the Classroom

We place a significant emphasis on supporting students to ensure they adapt to the demands of Post-16 study as quickly as possible. We have a full academic development scheme through our 'Way Ahead' programme. As a part of this programme all students are supported in developing vital skills including accurate note taking, extended writing for exams, successful independent study, time management and effective revision techniques. Year 13 students are encouraged to take part in philosophical discussions and debates which centre on global current affairs, as well as individual personal statement advice. In addition to the academic support programme issues such as road safety, our global society and mental health are all given a priority to ensure our students leave as well-rounded individuals ready to make the next step in their education. There are also a number of spaces where students can relax, including a Sixth Form canteen.

"The Sixth Form is a wonderful collection of help and resources given to all"

Student Voice



Options after Sixth Form

Each student will follow their own unique path after Sixth Form and we believe part of the key to success is knowledge about the options available, for everyone to make the right choice. Regardless of whether a student wishes to pursue university, an apprenticeship, seek employment or go on a gap year, we will provide them with the support and guidance they need. We take pride in providing one-to-one advice to help students navigate continually changing pathways. Our careers guidance programme is built into the heart of our tutor programme and provides opportunities to attend a UCAS exhibition, Careers Fair and take part in our 'Next Steps Conference' where many universities and post-18 providers come to our Sixth Form to share their expertise - from interview techniques to C.V. writing.

Example Recent Degree Programmes:

Advertising and Marketing - University of Lincoln
Aerospace Engineering - University of Leicester
Architecture - Birmingham City University
Automotive Engineering - Birmingham City University
Biomedical Science - University of Warwick
Computer Science - University of Lincoln
Electronic and Electrical Engineering - University of Birmingham
Environmental Science - Keele University
Health and Social Care - Nottingham Trent University
History and Political Science - University of Birmingham
Mechanical Engineering - University of Birmingham
Music Production - York Saint John University
Nursing - Liverpool John Moores University
Primary Teaching - University of Worcester
Psychology - University of Bristol

Example Recent Apprenticeships:

Engineering
Digital Marketing
Teaching

Applying for Sixth Form

All applicants complete an application form. Following this,an interview process will be completed.

During these interviews we aim to assess your suitability for joining Bewdley Sixth Form. The interview process is also designed to support students in selecting the most appropriate subjects that match your future career aspirations. If successful, students will be made an individual offer based on the subjects students wish to study. For further information regarding our entry requirements please see our full Admissions Policy.

In preparation for Sixth Form study, and to make the transition as smooth as possible, students will attend a Sixth Form Induction to experience sample lessons and to ensure students have selected the correct subjects. At this point students will be provided with independent study tasks to be completed in preparation for September. In September we will support students both academically and also socially through team building days and inter-form challenges.

“Flexible,
understanding,
supportive, well-equipped,
warm, welcoming,
enthusiastic, multi-national”

Student Voice

Never has there
been so much
choice

Entry Requirements

We view it to be a crucial role of the Sixth Form team to ensure students are registered onto courses that both match their ability and future career goals. Students will select three subjects that they will study over a two year linear course with all formal examinations taken at the end of Year 13. BTEC courses will be assessed by the use of internal assignments and external examinations throughout the two year period.

Entry Requirements:

- Gain at least 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 or above.
- Additional requirements for each individual subject.
- Show excellent attendance, motivation and attitude.
- Students who do not achieve a good pass in English and Maths will be re-entered for the qualification as part of their Sixth Form curriculum.



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Pathways

Your education, your pathway

We are able to offer a range of academic and vocational courses that are designed to allow students to find the most suitable path. This may include:

- 3 academic A Levels with the future plan of attending a university.
- A combination of A levels and vocational courses to keep students' options open allowing routes into a range of university courses, apprenticeships and employment.
- Vocational courses with a focus on the area students wish to pursue after completing time in Sixth Form, either through additional study or employment.

Personal and Academic Support



"Teachers are always supporting me to exceed my expectations"

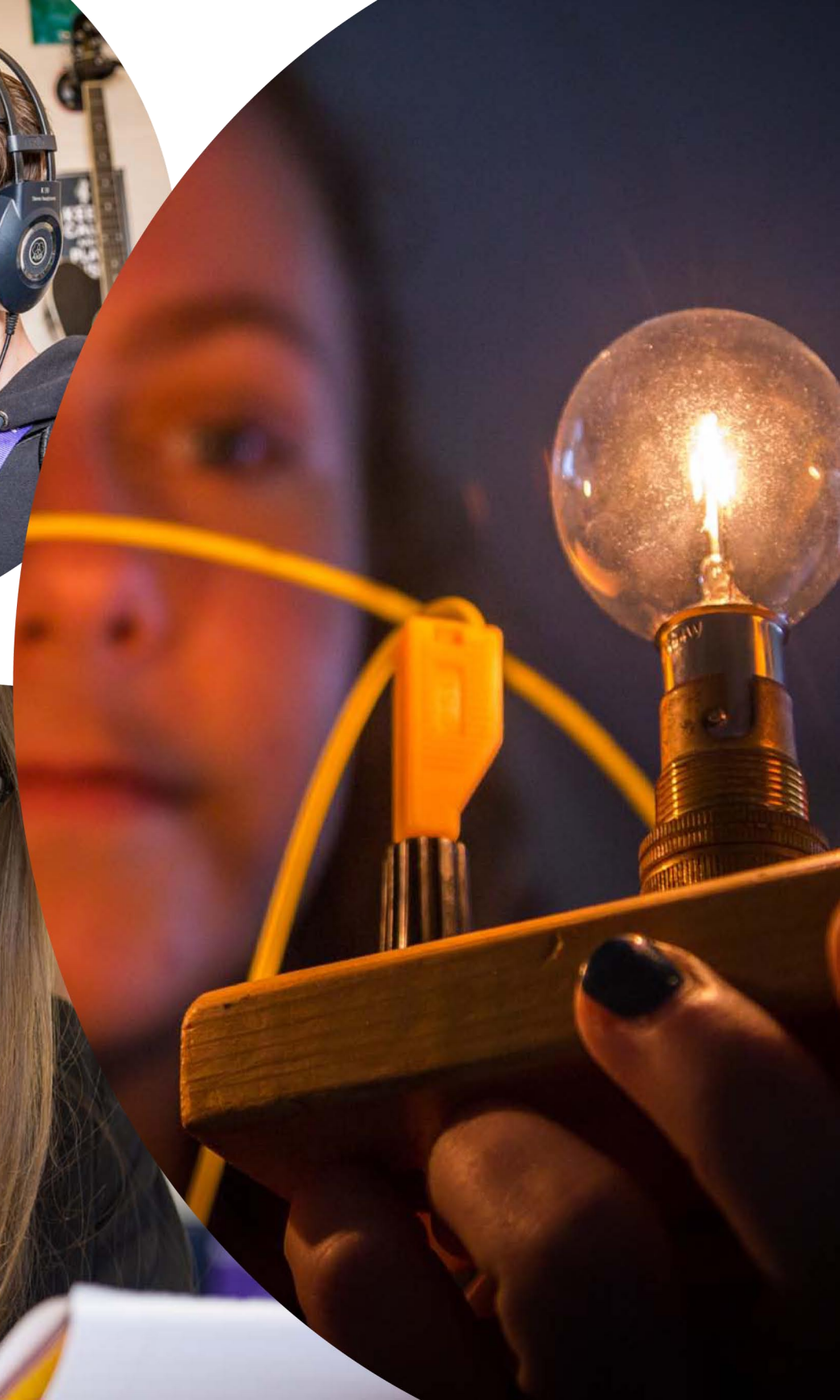
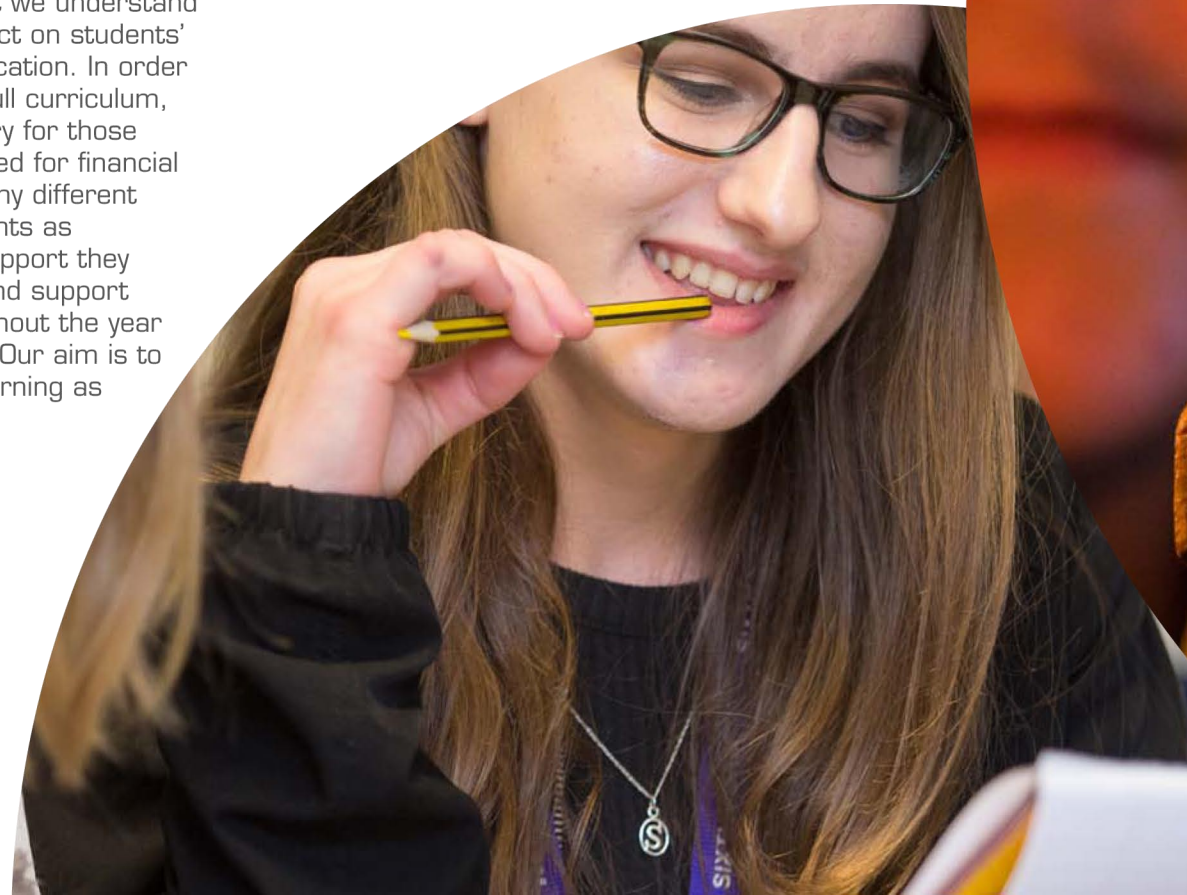
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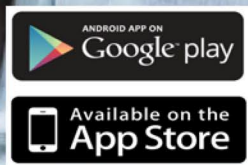
Bridging Course

In addition to our core offer of Level 3 courses we also understand that at the end of Year 11 students may not feel ready, or may not have achieved the academic standard to progress onto Level 3 courses. We want to support all students to make the transition to Level 3 courses and in doing so are able to offer a bridging course. This course is designed to improve the core skills of students and develop the learning habits they will require for success at Level 3. It also provides an opportunity, for those students who require it, to retake their English and Maths GCSEs if they did not achieve a grade 4. On successful completion of the Bridging Course, an offer of Level 3 courses will be made.

Financial Support

In addition to the emphasis we place on personal and academic support we understand that financial barriers can impact on students' ability to remain in full-time education. In order for all students to access the full curriculum, we provide a Sixth Form Bursary for those who demonstrate a genuine need for financial support. This is available at many different levels to ensure as many students as possible receive the financial support they need. A number of bursaries and support funds are also allocated throughout the year for those who may need them. Our aim is to remove as many barriers to learning as possible.





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