



BEWDLEY SIXTH FORM

We fly with our own wings

PROSPECTUS

BEWDLEY

SIXTH FORM

JOIN US

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 challenging 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 that you need, to go wherever your ambitions take you.

PARTNERSHIPS

Our many international trips, including our biennial Operation Wallacea expedition, are a hallmark of our extended curriculum, which we build around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Alongside our growing links with local businesses and the universities sector, this means a rich and varied range of opportunities for you, whatever your interests might be.

CURRICULUM

There is an ongoing review of our Sixth Form curriculum offer, to meet the ever changing needs of our community. We have recently introduced A-Levels in Classics, Criminology and Geology, and we are always willing to consider offering new subjects. If you have other interests outside our current offer, come to see us and let us know.

FACILITIES

Developing our already excellent Sixth Form is a high priority for us, as demonstrated by our recently refurbished specialist Sixth Form facilities. We continually seek opportunities to expand these facilities, and I welcome you to come and see us to discuss your needs and ambitions.

Dave Hadley-Pryce Head Teacher

OUR VALUES

INDEPENDENCE

At Bewdley Sixth Form we are specialists in supporting students through the transition from Year 11 to Year 12 and beyond. We support students to develop effective study skills, self-motivation and resilience that will allow them to succeed in their post-16 studies and on to university, apprenticeships or the workplace.

INTEGRITY

We support our students to become young independent adults who are ready for the exciting and diverse opportunities that the world has to offer. We have high expectations of our students and create an environment that encourages them to support each other and be respectful to everyone within the wider community.

INDIVIDUAL

We support all students to make the right subject choices for them; whether this is selecting their A-Levels or moving on to university and apprenticeships. Students are supported at all stages in their journey with individually tailored careers advice and pathways.

STUDENT VOICE

'WORKING IN A COMFORTABLE AND POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT WITH FAMILIAR TEACHERS AND PEERS MAKES AN INCREDIBLE DIFFERENCE TO YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE'.

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WELCOME

BEWDLEY SIXTH FORM

offers more than a place to gain excellent qualifications. It is a supportive environment that bridges the gap between school and further education and employment. With over 28 Advanced Level courses on offer, and specialist career pathways, we recognise students as individuals and support them to make the right choices to carve their own pathway into further education and the workplace.

HIGH ASPIRATIONS

In our newly refurbished Sixth Form Centre, students have access to excellent facilities, including a designated study room, 6° Café, lecture theatre and Sixth Form seminar rooms. Small class sizes and specialist Sixth Form teachers ensure that academic standards remain high, and students have high aspirations for themselves.

SPECIALISTS

We specialise in teaching A-Levels and offer a wide range of courses that allow students to progress to the most competitive universities and courses. We are keen to allow students to design a curriculum that suits them and their interests, but also readies them for their next steps into further education.

COURSE LIST STUDY - 2 YEARS

Art & Design	History
Biology	Mathematics
Business Studies	Music
Chemistry	Music Technology
Classical Civilisation	Photography
Computer Science	Physical Education
Core Maths	Physics
Criminology	Politics
Design & Technology	Psychology
Digital Media	Religious Studies
Drama	Sociology
English Literature	Spanish
English Literature & Language	Textile Design
Film Studies	
French	
Further Maths	
Geography	
Geology	

SCAN THE CODE
FOR OUR MOST
UP TO DATE
COURSE LIST



MOST STUDENTS AT BEWDLEY SIXTH FORM WILL STUDY 3 SUBJECTS FOR TWO YEARS. A SMALL NUMBER OF VERY ACADEMIC STUDENTS MAY WISH TO STUDY A FOURTH A-LEVEL.

IN ADDITION

to our A-Level and Level 3 course provision we also offer all students the opportunity to complete an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification), and/or Core Maths. Both of these qualifications are worth up to half of an A-level in UCAS points.

EPQ

students get to choose a topic, research, create a report or product and then deliver a presentation on their project. It is highly respected by universities, and allows students to develop independent research and academic skills essential for further study after A-levels.

CORE MATHS

is an exciting course that complements and supports subject choices as well providing increased employability skills. Students studying Biology, Psychology and Geography are strongly encouraged to take this subject alongside their other A-levels. Increasing numbers of students are opting to study it as it is highly regarded by employers and universities alike. It allows you to continue to study some aspects of Mathematics at Level 3 without having to commit completely to an entire A-Level.

DID YOU KNOW?

STUDENT VOICE

'AS A STUDENT AT BEWDLEY YOU ARE FAR MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER, YOU'RE A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL SURROUNDED BY ENCOURAGING TEACHERS WHO ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO SUPPORT YOU'.

'OUR WEEKLY FRIDAY NEWSLETTER PRESENTS US WITH INCREDIBLY USEFUL INFORMATION INCLUDING ONLINE LECTURES, TASTER SESSIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES, ALL OF WHICH WILL ELEVATE OUR PERSONAL STATEMENTS.'

'OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED A TRIP TO THE UCAS FAYRE AT WORCESTER ARENA, HERE WE WERE ABLE TO SPEAK TO MANY DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES'.

OUR TOP 10 SELLING POINTS:

- 1 Own dedicated facilities
- 2 Small class sizes - helps to personalise learning
- 3 Tutor support throughout Sixth Form
- 4 Study skills lessons - helps improve research skills
- 5 Opportunity to study for an EPQ
- 6 Newsletters - Super-curricular opportunities
- 7 Practice interviews/individual application support
- 8 4 supervised study sessions a week
- 9 Sixth Form café and social spaces
- 10 Flexible independent study - on/off site

APPLYING

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 course with all formal examinations taken at the end of Year 13.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We have generic minimum entry requirements that all students must meet, and additional requirements for each individual subject they wish to study. Details of these can be found in our accompanying subject postcards.

You will need to gain at least a grade 5 in 5 or more subjects (including Maths or English Language), and show evidence of excellent attendance, motivation and attitude.

MID SEPTEMBER - APPLICATIONS OPEN

Our application form can be found on the Bewdley Sixth Form website. You will be asked to complete a short personal statement as part of your application. Please check your emails regularly as this is where we will contact you.

DECEMBER

Applications close for all The Bewdley School students.

JANUARY

Applications close for external candidates who currently attend other schools.

APRIL

Deadline for accepting your place. You will have received an email explaining whether you have been offered a place. Please click the link in the email if you would like to accept your place at Bewdley Sixth Form.

END OF JUNE/EARLY JULY

We will invite you to join us for taster days. You will be able to attend lessons in your chosen A-level subjects, and find out more about the extra opportunities and enrichment activities that we have to offer. Students that are new to Bewdley Sixth Form will be able to view all of our facilities again and ask any questions about studying here.

AUGUST - GCSE RESULTS DAY

Please send us a copy of your GCSE results. If you have met the entry and subject requirements we will look forward to meeting you again on enrolment day. If you haven't met some subject specific entry requirements please get in touch with us as soon as possible, and we will discuss your application.

EARLY SEPTEMBER

Enrolment day and induction.

We will be in touch to confirm the arrangements for the first day of term and enrolling onto your subjects.

CONGRATULATIONS!

TIME FOR SIXTH FORM

OPPORTUNITIES

Bewdley Sixth Form is committed to providing opportunities which enable students to gain experience of their chosen career paths. Our careers guidance programme is built into the heart of our pastoral support curriculum.

CAREERS PROGRAMME

At Bewdley Sixth Form we want to support all students, whatever their chosen career path may be. We have an extensive programme of careers talks, workshops, trips and visits both in and outside of Sixth Form which support students to find out about the wide range of career, employment and university options available to them. All students will receive one-to-one advice, have access to university subject Taster Day courses, in-house subject workshops (delivered by universities or industry partners), a 'Next Steps Conference' day and will attend a variety of national and 'on site' careers fairs. We work with Springpod to give students unlimited work experience opportunities and sector insights into countless careers.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

All students will receive one-to-one support and advice from the Sixth Form team. Students will be supported at all stages of the application process; from deciding which course to apply for, to accepting offers and applying for student finance. Students aspiring to study at Russell Group universities, and the most competitive courses, receive additional support with entrance exams and interview preparation. Our Sixth Form tutor programme is aimed at enabling young people to understand some of the key employability skills and encourage and nurture the practice of these skills.



STUDENT VOICE

'DURING OBLIGATORY STUDIES YOU CAN CATCH UP ON WORK YOU MAY HAVE MISSED, OR FURTHER EXPLORE WHATEVER YOU MAY HAVE BEEN INTERESTED BY'.

'THE LESSONS ARE WELL STRUCTURED AND ARE SUPPORTIVE TO HELP YOUR EDUCATION'.



CAREER PATHWAYS

- HEALTH & MEDICAL
- EARTH & ENVIRONMENT
- DESIGN & ENGINEERING
- MEDIA & PERFORMANCE
- SOCIETY & POLITICS
- GLOBAL TRADE

PASTORAL

As a Sixth Form we place a significant emphasis on supporting students to adapt to the demands of post-16 study as quickly as possible. Our pastoral system ensures academic support is provided at the earliest opportunity. Students' attendance, punctuality and overall attitude to study are monitored and reported to parents/carers throughout their time with us.

All students are supported by their form tutor, by attending tailored mentor sessions to support individual students to achieve their academic potential, but also to prepare them for their next steps after Sixth Form study. As a part of this programme all students are supported in developing vital skills including:

- Accurate note taking
- Extended writing tips for exams
- Successful independent study plans
- Time management strategies; effective revision techniques

DISCUSSIONS & DEBATES

All students are encouraged to take part in organised philosophical discussions and debates which centre on global current affairs. In addition to the academic support programme, our collaboration with Springpod allows students to explore different careers and undertake a variety of work experience opportunities. We want our students to leave Sixth Form as academically successful students that are well-rounded individuals ready to make the next step in their lives.

SCHOLARS

In addition to the tutor programme, we also run additional sessions and seminars for those students aspiring to the most competitive courses and top universities. Our scholars programme is designed to ready students for applications, interviews and beyond.

STUDY MENTOR

The Sixth Form study mentor ensures that the study room is a productive work space. They also work closely with individuals to support them academically and pastorally. This can be in the form of proof-reading essays, support designing revision timetables or writing a CV. The Sixth Form mentor is there to assist with whatever the individual needs support with.

A major focus of the work we complete, as part of both our pastoral and academic support, is to nurture the independent student who we know will have the skills to be successful at Sixth Form and beyond.

COMMUNICATION

We regard Sixth Form as a three-way partnership between students, staff and home. We communicate regularly with parents/carers and encourage an open dialogue to pre-empt any significant issues before they arise. All of this leads to students accessing their ideal next step.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

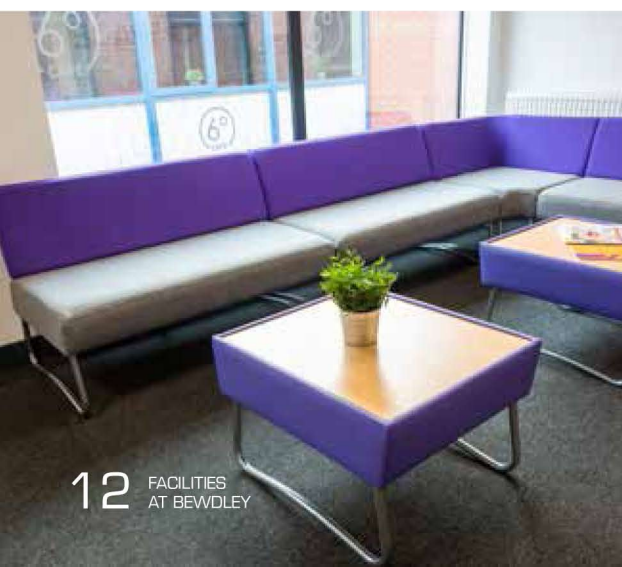
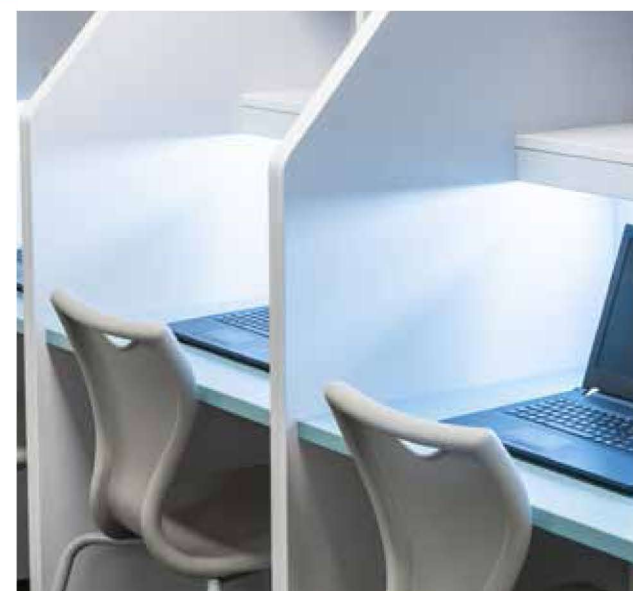
We understand that financial barriers can impact on students' ability to remain in full-time education. In order for all students to access the full curriculum, the 16-19 Sixth Form Bursary is available for those students who demonstrate a genuine need for financial support. Details of how to apply for the bursary can be found on our website.

A number of bursaries and support funds are also allocated throughout the year to those who might need them. Our aim is to remove as many barriers to learning as we possibly can.

FACILITIES

AT BEWDLEY

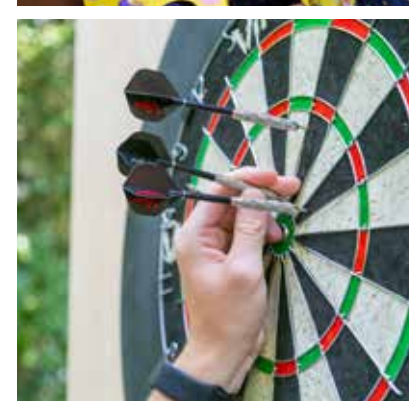
- New Refurbished Sixth Form Centre
- 6^o Café
- Independent Study Room
- Lecture Theatre
- Sixth Form Centre Classrooms
- State of the Art Science Block



LEISURE

AT BEWDLEY

- Green Spaces - Fun, Games & Sport
- 6° Café - Refresh & Relax
- Snack & Drink Vending - Treat Yourself
- 'Your Space' - Social



ENRICHMENT

CREATE A WIDER BEYOND

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Being a member of Sixth Form is about much more than completing Level 3 courses. It is about taking every opportunity to gain the key skills necessary for success in any sphere. Therefore, we offer an extensive range of both super and extra curricular activities.

Extra curricular activities help students learn about themselves, their personal qualities, and help to enhance their experiences beyond academic study and apply skills within a range of social settings.

These options are open to all Sixth Form students of any chosen Level 3 options:

- UCAS FAIR
- OVERSEAS TRIPS
- TEAM BUILDING DAYS
- WORK EXPERIENCE
- VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES
- ORGANISING CHARITY EVENTS
- FIRST AID COURSES
- MUSICAL SHOWCASES
- PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITIONS & EXHIBITIONS
- FILM STUDIOS VISITS
- YOUNG ENTERPRISE
- OPERATION WALLACEA
- GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH

SUPER-CURRICULAR

Opportunities enable students to study beyond their Level 3 curriculum and help develop a sense of academic curiosity and independent learning skills which drives their motivation and enriches their education. Students are supported and encouraged to take part in 'super-curricular' activities that take them beyond the taught curriculum in the subjects that they are studying.

A weekly newsletter showcases some of the opportunities available, so students have plenty of opportunity to go that extra mile and show their passion for the subject they are planning to study at university.

We encourage students to keep a record of such activities and the impact of the activity on their existing knowledge about the subject, for example, how it has developed their thinking or knowledge. These are the activities that universities and employers expect to see and hear about in the application process for courses and jobs.

These options are open to all Sixth Form students within their chosen Level 3 options:

- EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION
- SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE
- CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD
- OPERATION WALLACEA
- VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES FOR LECTURES
- GUEST LECTURERS TO SIXTH FORM
- CIPFA MANAGEMENT GAMES – ENTERPRISE & ACCOUNTING CHALLENGES
- BEWDLEY WRITING GROUP
- MUSEUM VISITS
- OXBRIDGE ESSAYS



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