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Welcome

from the Headteacher

“Bishopshalt School is above all else a place for learning.”

At Bishopshalt we believe that having the highest of expectations of students is imperative in securing their future success. With these high expectations we also provide a friendly and caring atmosphere that enables us to strive to ensure our students achieve their very best. Our aims are to:

- Promote academic excellence
- Prepare students for life
- Provide an excellent curriculum that allows students to succeed in all walks of life

We will work tirelessly to support our students, and look forward to you joining our wonderful school.

“First impressions are always important. Words that capture my experience of Bishopshalt School include ‘professional’, ‘purposeful’, ‘friendly’ and ‘committed’.” Investors in People

“The school is successful at helping students to settle quickly when they join the school in Year 7.”
Ofsted



Every Child Matters



A happy and harmonious school is the best environment in which to enable a child to realise their potential. At Bishopshalt, we place great emphasis on supporting the successful transition from primary to secondary school. The induction process, underpinned and sustained by our caring pastoral system ensures that this support continues throughout the whole of the child's school life. Year 7 students quickly feel part of the whole school community and gain in confidence as they mix with older students and flourish as they access the wider curriculum and the enrichment activities available to them.

At Bishopshalt, we are proud of our sense of community spirit and we actively promote our students' emotional health and well-being. It is our aim for students to develop as well-rounded individuals who have positive self esteem as well as a sense of responsibility for their peers, the community and the environment. We want Bishopshalt students to be confident young people and valuable citizens who have a strong sense of their own place in society.

Our Citizenship, PSHE and Careers programme makes an important contribution to this and is further supported by our strong welfare and guidance system and the Student Council ensuring that every child has a voice and knows who to turn to for support, be it academic, social or personal.

"The staff is very supportive of the students and pupil welfare is a top priority." School Governor

“As students, our opinions matter and the School Council is a valuable aspect of life at Bishopshalt.” Year 8 student



An Inspiring Curriculum



“My son has thoroughly enjoyed all of his GCSEs at Bishopshalt and I am proud of what he has achieved with the support of his teachers. Thank you!” Parent of a child in Year 11



We believe that Bishopshalt School is above all else a place for learning and our aim in the classroom is for all students to reach their full potential. This can only be achieved in a school where there are high expectations both in terms of behaviour and standards of work.

At the heart of our curriculum is a strong emphasis on learning and teaching. We want our students to be involved, inspired and curious about the world around them. Our broad and balanced curriculum offers both traditional academic subjects and a range of applied learning courses so that all our students are able to access learning experiences. A range of different learning and teaching styles is promoted and we are committed to creativity and innovation in order to bring the curriculum to life.

Our Specialist Status in Music and the Performing Arts further supports and enhances the curriculum.



“Teachers’ subject knowledge is good, and lessons are well planned, containing a range of activities to engage and interest students.” Ofsted





“Adult local amateur dramatic and operatic societies would do well to visit Bishopshalt shows to see the wealth of young talent.”

Area Councillor of NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association)

Music & the Performing Arts

As a Performing Arts College the range of music, dance and drama activities we offer is truly outstanding. This has been publicly recognised as we are one of the few schools nationally to have been awarded ArtsMark Gold on four consecutive occasions.

Our Arts College status means that:

- we continue to provide the full national curriculum but can offer special opportunities in the Arts
- our students benefit from the highest quality arts accommodation, technology and resources
- we are granted extra funding to run special arts courses and provide a range of enrichment opportunities far beyond those of other schools
- we enlist the support of arts professionals to help talent flourish
- we run an extensive range of extra curricular arts activities.

We believe that involvement in the Arts brings about personal, cultural, social and spiritual enrichment and so educates our students in the broadest sense.

“When I joined the school in Year 7 I had no experience in the performing arts, but the school offers so much in terms of dance, music and drama that it builds your confidence and helps you to make friends.” Year 7 student





“Giving our students the opportunity to see for themselves how what they learn in the classroom applies to the real world is an invaluable experience.”
Member of the Senior Leadership Team

Extra Curricular & Enrichment

Bishopshalt is committed to the idea that education goes beyond the reaches of the classroom and that young people can learn a great deal by taking part in educational visits and activities away from school and home.

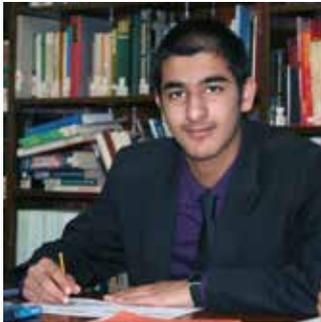
Our status as a Performing Arts College further enhances this and we run the Bishopshalt Arts Festival on a three year cycle so that all of our students experience the festival during their time at school. Trips run regularly to the West End theatres and other venues. There are also many opportunities here in school to participate in dance shows, drama productions and concerts.

In addition to this, foreign trips are arranged annually, for example: the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty visit France and/or Germany, the PE Department run a ski trip to the USA, the History Department take students to visit the World War I battlefields to name but a few.

These school trips, both within the UK and abroad, widen our students' experiences and perspective on the world, helped by the commitment and dedication of our staff, who continually look to develop and extend these opportunities.



Successful Sixth Form



Bishopshalt School has a very good reputation as a place that values its students and challenges them, in order that they fulfil their potential. Our sixth form welcomes all students who are motivated to work to the best of their ability and who want to build upon the qualifications gained at the end of Year 11. Students are given equal encouragement to succeed whether they are intending to stay on for one, two or three years. Places are available for those who have been educated at other schools and every year a large number of new students join us and are made to feel very welcome.

Our aim is to ensure that students have the qualifications, skills and attitudes to be successful in adult life and to progress towards achieving their personal goals. We have high expectations of all of our students enabling them to achieve excellent examination results. Normally, every Year 13 student will achieve grades good enough to progress to University, including Oxford, Cambridge and medical schools.

We offer a very broad range of academic and vocational subjects at BTEC First, GCE and Applied A Level and offer the opportunity for all students to develop Key Skills.

Our strong pastoral system extends to the sixth form and helps our students to achieve all that they can academically, whilst also developing themselves as individuals. Ofsted described students' personal development in the sixth form as 'outstanding'.

“Students develop an impressive assuredness during their time in the sixth form and contribute well to the life of the school.” Ofsted

“Bishopshalt School Sixth Form A Level results place it in the ‘Top Ten’ of all the schools in the London region in 2009.” Advanced Level Performance Systems



Community Cohesion



In our most recent Ofsted Inspection the report stated: “The result of the work to ensure that students feel secure, and the good relationships that adults build with students, is that students behave well and enjoy life in the safe environment that the school provides..... Students are polite and considerate, and many speak articulately, and with confidence, to adults. Their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding. This is helped by the work of the school’s specialist status, which successfully encourages collaborative group work, a sensitivity to the needs of others, and an appreciation of culture.”

At Bishopshalt we are extremely proud of the community work that our students participate in and especially the huge amount of money that they raise for charity. The Charities Committee is run by sixth formers with the support of staff and the students regularly raise over £10,000 a year which is donated to charities both at home and abroad.

“Learners make a good contribution to the community.” Ofsted





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