



ABOVE ALL ELSE, A Place for Learning



Bishopshalt School







# Welcome

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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

At Bishopshalt we believe that having core values and the highest 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.

*“Pupils enjoy school, are safe and value their community. The behaviour of pupils leads to a calm and purposeful environment”*



## Core Values

At Bishopshalt we aim for all our students to develop our core values throughout their journey at the school. These values are embedded throughout the curriculum and the ethos of the school.



### LOVE LEARNING

To develop in students a love of learning. Bishopshalt students will thirst for knowledge due to the intrinsic joy that it brings.



### SHOW KINDNESS

To develop and instil in our students the virtue of kindness. Our students do things for others for not personal gain.



### BUILD CHARACTER

To develop in students the determination and dedication to succeed. Bishopshalt students are able to overcome any challenge that may come their way. Our students are focused, resilient and readily overcome adversity.



### CHASE BRILLIANCE

To develop students who do not settle for 'it's good enough'. Bishopshalt students always aim to improve their work and aim for perfection due to their belief that they are entitled to be brilliant.



### BRIGHT FUTURES

To ensure that, for whatever field they choose to enter, Bishopshalt students succeed. Bishopshalt students will be the very best versions of themselves and compete on the world stage.





# Heritage

## AND THE HOUSE SYSTEM

Bishopshalt has been an integral part of the community since its foundation in 1907. It became a grammar school in 1928, serving Hillingdon and the surrounding areas. In the 1970s, the School became a non-selective secondary school and remains so today.

The Victorian wing of the School was built in 1858 as a private house. It is a listed building with beautiful ornamental gardens and extensive playing fields. Much of the original decoration, and the restored conservatory, can be seen in the Mansion House today.

Earlier houses on the site (the earliest was recorded in 1215), belonged to the Bishops of Worcester, who were the rectors of Hillingdon. In medieval times the Bishops stopped here on their way to and from London. The names of our six 'houses' reflect this past connection to those that rested at the old mansion - Cranmer, De Salis, Evesham, Manor, Stanley and Worcester. Each child will be allocated to a 'house' on joining the school.



## ABOVE ALL ELSE, a place for learning...

We believe that Bishopshalt School is above all else a place for learning and that this can only be achieved where there are high expectations both in terms of behaviour and standards of work.

The Bishopshalt curriculum is:

- ambitious and designed so that students are empowered by powerful knowledge
- coherently sequenced with key concepts, within and across subject disciplines, so students understand their interdependence and engage with big questions
- rigorous and enriching to ensure our students love learning, show kindness, build character and chase brilliance, so that all Bishopshalt students thrive and have bright futures
- The curriculum at Bishopshalt is everything we provide to students from the moment they enter the school gates in Year 7 to the moment they leave Year 13.

We value academic rigour, and hold the highest expectations of our students and therefore our curriculum, whilst appropriate, is above all both challenging and stimulating. It is driven through a shared desire to ensure that all of our students, regardless of their personal circumstances, have 'bright futures'.

Bishopshalt's academic results have been recognised as among the top 10% for student progress and in the top 10% of non-selective schools for student attainment.





## AN INSPIRING Curriculum

The range of subjects we offer is outstanding and we believe that involvement in our broad curriculum brings about personal, cultural, social and spiritual enrichment and so educates our students in the broadest sense.

- We continue to provide the full national curriculum
- Every pupil is expected to learn a language up to GCSE level
- Creative arts and sports are integral to our curriculum and success
- Bishopshalt has been awarded Artsmark Gold on five occasions in recognition of our commitment to championing the arts and cultural education
- We provide opportunities to take part in high quality performances
- The school participates in national competitions from debating to scholars' programmes
- Our students benefit from excellent accommodation, technology and resources
- We offer subsidised instrumental tuition enabling our students to learn to play a musical instrument should they wish
- We enlist the support of professionals to help talent flourish
- We run a broad range of extracurricular activities and clubs



## THE BISHOPSHALT Experience

We actively encourage students to fully immerse themselves in the Bishopshalt experience and offer an extensive range of extracurricular clubs and activities at lunchtimes and after school. They are designed to broaden your child's mind and to appeal to all interests and abilities.

Our belief in the Arts further enhances our enrichment offer. Trips run to the West End theatres and other venues whilst there are also opportunities here in school to participate in productions.

In addition to this, residential trips are arranged that are designed to bring our curriculum to life. These trips are intended to widen students' experiences and their perspective on the world, helped by the commitment and dedication of our staff, who continually look to develop and extend these opportunities.

Alongside these opportunities, Bishopshalt also enables students to:

- Work towards Duke of Edinburgh awards
- Take part in regular inter-house competitions
- Be invited to access academic enrichment opportunities via Bishopshalt Scholars
- Take part in work experience in both Years 10 and 12





## A SUCCESSFUL Sixth Form

Bishopshalt School has a reputation as a place that values its students and challenges them, in order that they fulfil their potential.

Our sixth form welcomes students who are motivated to work to the best of their abilities, who want to build upon the academic qualifications gained at the end of Year 11 and who want to become part of our school community. Our Sixth Form become integral to the school population through

- Joining the Buddy Reading scheme to develop literacy in the lower school
- Offering in class support
- Tutoring and mentoring lower school students

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 subjects as well as our timetabled Bishopshalt Experience curriculum. This pastoral and enrichment system ensures our students achieve all they can academically, whilst also developing themselves as individuals.





## BRIGHT Futures

The School takes a holistic approach to preparing our students for life after school and there are a number of initiatives embedded into our experience, designed to allow our students to chase brilliance in whichever field they choose to follow when they leave us.

Bishopshalt offers all our students access to tailored careers guidance and ongoing advice. We facilitate work experience for pupils in Year 10 and Year 12 and can offer bespoke assistance with applications and interview preparation.

Our students visit colleges, careers fairs and universities, providing them with excellent opportunities to gain an insight in to the options available to them. We also regularly collaborate on initiatives such as Urban Scholars, Jack Petchey, Brilliant Club and our own Bishopshalt Scholars.

We have an alumni network that works closely with the school to support, network and guide our current students.



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