

THE BLANDFORD SCHOOL



MOTIVATION AND CHALLENGE FOR ALL





“The school is demonstrating a strong capacity to continue improving.”

Ofsted Report 2012

“We literally have been quite amazed at the number of extra sessions offered to the students to help them in anyway they can.”

Year 11 Parent

“TBS helps you grow as a person. Staff drive you on.”

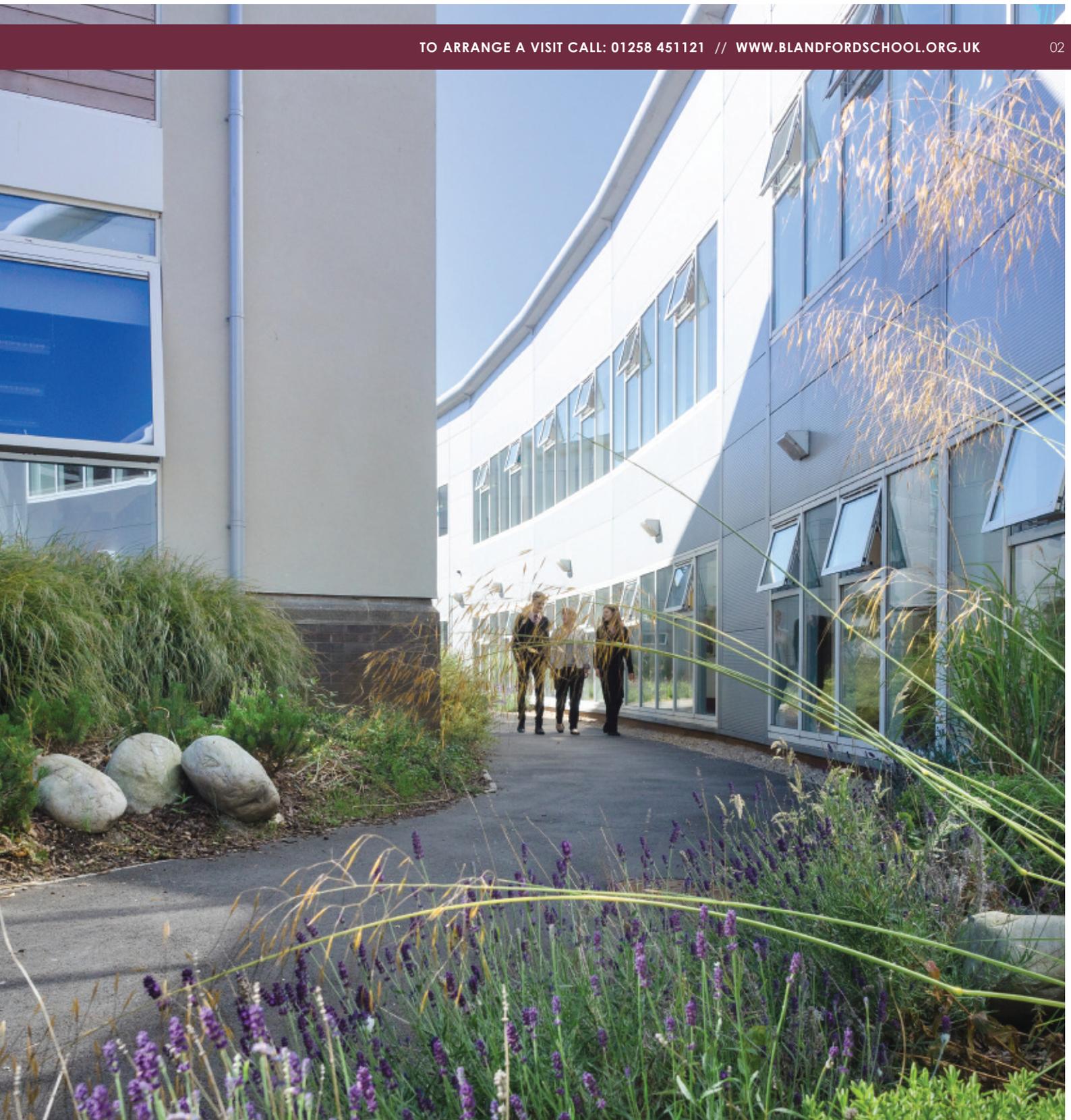
Sixth Form Student

WELCOME TO THE BLANDFORD SCHOOL

Our school is a vibrant 11-18 secondary school located on the north bank of the River Stour, close to Blandford Forum town centre. The school is committed to enabling every student to fulfil their potential. We are ambitious for our students and we encourage them to aspire.

We are proud of our students and of our position at the heart of the community. Staff and students treat each other with respect. Students feel safe and enjoy being at the school.

The school's major building programme is now complete, with the final phase being the completion of a state of the art, floodlit artificial grass pitch, and floodlit netball and tennis courts.



It is a pleasure to see students of all ages benefiting from this investment in their education which has had such a positive impact on our curricular, extra-curricular and social activities. Students were actively involved in designing the accommodation and are delighted with the outcome.

Activities, including specifically tailored projects across all subject areas are organised throughout Year 6 to guarantee a successful liaison and transition programme. The needs of older students joining the school are assessed carefully and support provided as appropriate.





AMBITION & ASPIRATION

Our specialist staff work tirelessly, encouraging students to aspire. Outstanding work is recognised and rewarded, students of all abilities are challenged. Our school is a busy place where students are engaged in learning which is exciting and fun. Individual achievement is celebrated. Whilst examination results always remain a key focus, we are absolutely committed to ensuring all students, when they leave us, have the requisite skills for adult life.

“The Blandford School gives you the tools you need to succeed – all you need is the determination to succeed.”

Sixth Form Student

“Students are really encouraged to aspire in order to fulfil and exceed expectations. TBS is a school which meets parents, students and government ambitions.”

Governor



“Studying here at The Blandford School has taught me that it’s not about competing against each other or who is better than the other. It’s all about working together as a team and helping each other out.”

Student

“Wonderful Learning Support unit, best we have ever known. Wonderful caring staff that go the extra mile. Gold Standard.”

Year 7 Parent

A PERSONAL APPROACH

Care, guidance and support are strengths of the school. Individual support is available when required from a highly effective Student Support Worker, an extremely strong SEN team and through our successful liaison and transition programme, which is annually commended by parents and Year 7 students. Our Heads of Year are skilled and knowledgeable about their year group.

Student voice is an important feature of the school. The School Parliament plays a key role in decision-making. It is run by a democratically elected Prime Minister and regularly meets to discuss issues, such as teaching and learning, charity fund-raising and eco-awareness. All members of the school community are proud that we are a Rights Respecting School.





THE CENTRE OF LEARNING

Progress in lessons is a key focus for the school and we are committed to personalised learning, interactive lessons and targeted assessment.

Students receive baseline tests on entry, and are then tracked closely through the school. Our raising achievement strategy defines appropriate interventions to ensure students reach their potential and beyond.

Teachers enthuse, engage and motivate students, while students show resilience and confidence when tackling challenging activities. Intellectual curiosity and independent enquiry are encouraged. No time is wasted.



“Teachers make learning fun, which means we achieve.”
Student

“Students are enthusiastic about school and have good attitudes to learning.”
Ofsted

“Teachers have really helped me to aim high. They have picked me up on my strengths, and helped me to apply them.”
Student





AN INSPIRATIONAL PLACE TO LEARN

Stunning buildings, sports facilities and glorious grounds mean that students have exceptional accommodation within which to learn. These include our specialist technology facilities, state of the art performing and creative arts accommodation, and a contemporary learning resource centre 'The Index'. The school benefits from exceptional sports facilities which provide space for a multitude of sports, including athletics, cricket, rugby, football, tennis and netball, as well as opportunities for

scientific and geographical investigations and performing and creative arts events. Students enjoy the social space available at break and lunch-time which includes the extensive fields, canopied terrace and Hub, with its panoramic views.

Extra-curricular opportunities for students include study trips abroad, for example USA, India and Italy. There is a plethora of lunchtime and after school clubs including rowing, jazz band, Duke of Edinburgh and BBC School News Report.



“I was impressed at the standard of facilities at The Blandford School. The new 3G football pitch is amazing, and the opportunity the School is now offering to support grass roots and youth football is fantastic.”

Harry Redknapp

“You wouldn’t find a setting for a 3G pitch better than this in the country. You are very lucky to have these facilities at the school.”

James Beattie ex-England international footballer

There is an annual school production, which is staged at The Tivoli Theatre, Wimborne when scheduling allows.

Regular trips are organised within the UK to art galleries, churches, museums and universities for enrichment, lectures and field trips which are an integral part of our curriculum.

“They help and support us to achieve our big dreams.”

Student





THE SIXTH FORM

As they move up the school, students make choices about the direction they wish to follow. In a world where qualifications are of ever increasing importance, the central concern of the school is to present each student with ambitious goals, whilst also ensuring these are realistic and attainable. Our Sixth Form curriculum is always designed around student choices. A specialist team of tutors work in the Sixth Form, these colleagues are well versed in transition from Year 11 to Year 12 and further progression into Year 13.

Ongoing guidance in the Sixth Form is a strength, we have a proven track record of supporting successful university applications. Extra-curricular activities include JUSTis, Sports Leadership Programme, Peer Mentoring, acting and directorial roles in school productions, compering school events, outdoor expeditions, Young Enterprise and Young Inspectors.



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