



BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL



# Joining Year 7

September 2024 Entry

Further details may be found on our website:

[www.bournemouth-school.org](http://www.bournemouth-school.org)

## GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS (2022)

Progress 8

**0.37**

Attainment 8

**72.3**

Grade 5 or above in  
English and  
Mathematics GCSEs

**96%**

EBacc Average  
Points Score

**6.73**

## A LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS (2022)

86% of entries were  
graded A\*-C

49% of entries were  
graded A\*/ A

5 students left the  
school to study at  
Oxbridge and a further  
8 to join medical  
schools

## WHY CHOOSE OUR SCHOOL?

We recognise that choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions that parents make for their children. At our school every student is valued, with each individual playing their part in making our



community one in which everyone can succeed. Academic standards are high, both at GCSE and A-level. The vast majority of our students go on to study degree courses at universities and colleges, or to pursue higher level apprenticeships. We enjoy an excellent reputation within the local community. We will offer your son a supportive and enriching environment in which to grow and learn, and the opportunity to develop fully his potential. We aim to develop his abilities, raise expectations, and provide the support to enable life-long success by offering a wide range of enriching experiences both in and beyond the classroom.

We are proud of our traditions and our heritage but also acutely aware of our responsibility to nurture, inspire and prepare our students to take their places as leaders and innovators in a rapidly changing world.

More information about the school of which we are all so proud may be found on our website.

**Dr Dorian Lewis**  
*Headmaster*



## HIGH EXPECTATIONS

We have the highest expectations of each student's learning, respect for self and others, sense of community, dress, behaviour and discipline. We enjoy the support of students, parents and our community in helping to fulfil these expectations. Our students benefit from working in an atmosphere that is characterised by fairness, transparency and mutual respect. Our community's ethos is based upon the traditional values of:

- ◆ Hard Work
- ◆ Discipline
- ◆ Smart Appearance
- ◆ Respect



## SECURING A PLACE

We are a selective grammar school of around 1200 students aged 11-18. Students must pass our entrance tests to join the school. There are 180 places available in Year 7. Our Admissions Policy is reviewed annually and is published on our website (under "Admissions").

If you wish your son to be considered for admission in September 2024, you must register your intention for him to sit the entrance tests by Friday 8 September 2023 (by 12 midday). The application form may be accessed online, or a paper version is available upon request.

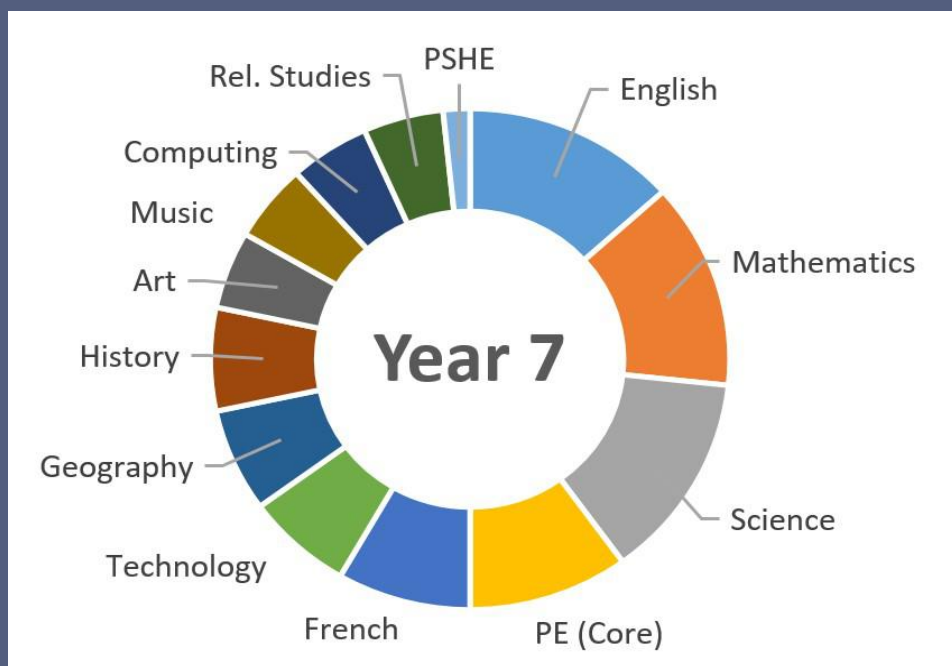
If registered on time, your son will sit the tests on Saturday 23 September 2023. Details of the entrance tests are available on our website (under "Admissions").

The results of the entrance tests will be sent to parents on Friday 13 October 2023. The letter will indicate whether your son has met the required standard and is "eligible" for admission. You will then need to decide whether or not you wish to apply for a place at our school. Applications must be made through your "home" local authority by 31 October 2023. Offers of a school place are then published by your "home" local authority on 1 March 2024. Allocations of places to eligible students are made in accord with our over-subscription criteria (see our Admissions Policy for further details).

## THE CURRICULUM

Our curriculum offers an exciting, rich, varied and broad course of study to enable students to develop all aspects of their learning. We work hard to create a sense of excitement and an enthusiasm for life-long learning. We are committed to developing resilient, adaptable and resourceful learners. Taught lessons are complemented by an extensive extra-curricular programme.

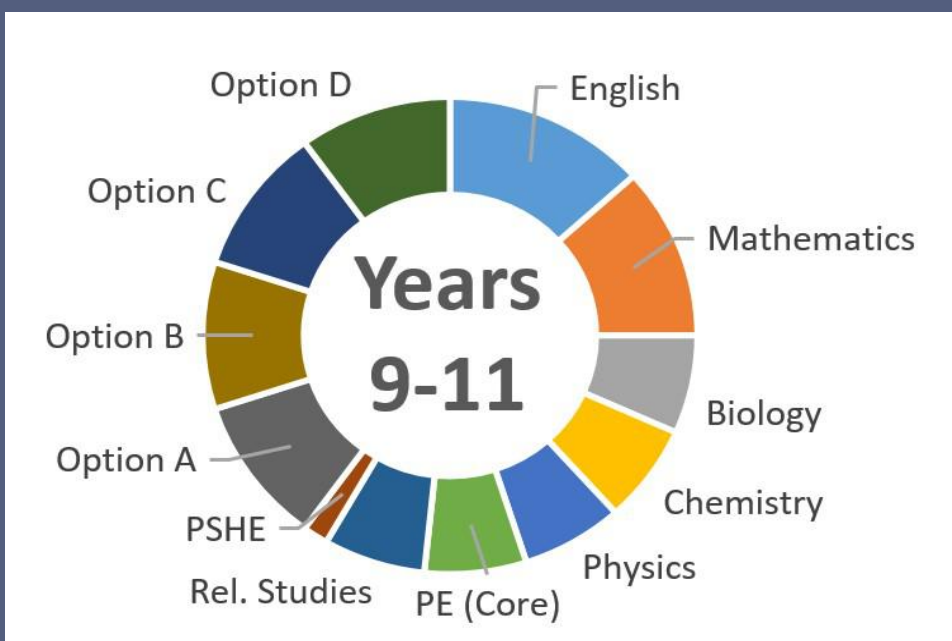
### TIME ALLOCATED TO SUBJECTS



### GCSE SUBJECTS

- ◇ Art and Design
- ◇ **Biology**
- ◇ Business Studies
- ◇ **Chemistry**
- ◇ Computer Science
- ◇ Design & Technology
- ◇ **English Language**
- ◇ **English Literature**
- ◇ Food Preparation & Nutrition
- ◇ French
- ◇ Geography
- ◇ German
- ◇ Graphics
- ◇ History
- ◇ **Mathematics**
- ◇ Music
- ◇ Physical Education
- ◇ **Physics**
- ◇ **Religious Studies**
- ◇ Spanish

All students follow GCSE courses in the subjects shown in yellow.



Students typically follow 11 GCSE courses

In Year 8 students study either Spanish or German in addition to the subjects studied in Year 7. Our GCSE courses begin in Year 9, with students able to choose 4 options (including a language and either history or geography) in addition to their core programme. We constantly review and refine the curriculum we offer. The curricular models shown are for 2022-23.

Homework assignments to develop the skills of self-discipline and independent study, are set throughout Years 7-11 and can be viewed online.

## SUPPORTING LEARNING

One of our strengths is the support that we offer to meet the individual needs of each student. The tutor is the first point of contact for anything related to your son's attendance, behaviour, progress and well-being. Each year group also has a Head of Year who is supported by the Pastoral Team. The team support all students, and colleagues are available throughout the school day. In addition, a small, and highly effective, SEND department work with individual students to increase their skills, confidence and motivation, and support their progress.

A comprehensive careers programme will help your son formulate his future plans, choose appropriate GCSE and A-level options, and navigate the university application process or apply for an apprenticeship or employment.

## THE HOUSE SYSTEM

The School is organised into six Houses, each with a House colour, prefect team and House Leader. The students take great pride in their House, and all competitions are fiercely (and fairly) contested! Each year, students in each House choose a charity to support; prefects taking the lead in organising events such as cake sales, sports tournaments, talents shows and discos.

Through the House system older students are encouraged to mentor and support younger students.





## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is a key priority for our school. We provide a safe and stimulating environment, where students' learning and well-being is supported by high quality teaching and pastoral care.



## EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

We keep parents informed about what is happening at school through our newsletters, parents' evenings, events, email, our website and through social media. As parents, you will receive a termly progress report along with an annual tutor report later in the year. Parents may also access an online platform to keep abreast of their son's attendance, behaviour and progress.

We have strong links with other local schools, the business community, charities, and a number of universities.

◆ *Hard Work*

◆ *Discipline*



## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



I am Arief and I am the School Captain at Bournemouth School. Whilst at our school there are many amazing opportunities for Leadership!

As soon as you start Year 7, you get the opportunity to apply for a position in your tutor group. This is either as Form Captain or Sports Captain. As Form Captain you receive a badge to put on your jacket and you have the opportunity to bring the views of your tutor group to School Council. This allows your voice to be heard and leads to meaningful change being made, such as the addition of water fountains around the school. The Sports Captain's role is to organise the tutor groups' teams for sports events like football or tennis. These opportunities are available from years 7-11. You can also be a Form Captain in Sixth Form too!

In Year 10, you can apply to be a Prefect for your House. To apply you must send an application letter to your Head of House and House Captain and go through an interview with the Sixth Form prefects of your House. This is very rewarding as it allows you to help across many aspects of school life such as duties, mentoring younger years and helping organise your House Charity Week.

We really hope you apply because of the incredible opportunities on offer. Good luck!

## BEYOND LESSONS

We are proud to offer a wide range of sporting and cultural activities, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the opportunity to join our RN Sea Scouts and Combined Cadet Force. A number of student-led clubs and societies meet at lunchtimes. There are numerous trips and visits. Students have the opportunity to learn a wide range of instruments and play in assemblies and school concerts. There are also many opportunities for students to take on additional responsibilities to develop their self-confidence and leadership skills.

We have a strong sporting reputation with highly successful teams throughout the years in sports such as rugby, football, cricket and athletics. We compete with local schools and in national competitions throughout the year. Many students achieve regional and national success, whereas for others, school sport is the foundation for an active and healthy adult life.

◆ *Smart Appearance*

◆ *Respect*



## THE FUTURE

This is an exciting time in the history of Bournemouth School. In December 2018, we were awarded £3.9m to extend our current accommodation to accommodate increasing numbers of students. We now have a new block comprising a larger dining room, six additional classrooms, toilets and a new sixth form study centre.

We have also recently been awarded a further grant of £3.2m to replace our heating and water systems. Work has now started on this important project; it is planned that learning will not be disrupted. The project is due to be completed in Spring 2024.





*"Students make consistently good progress and attainment is high. Almost all aspects of students' personal development are outstanding, particularly in the way they contribute to school life and to the wider community...each student is very well known to many staff and arrangements for transfer into and out of the school are exceptionally thorough, ensuring a smooth transition." (Ofsted)*



Registration Deadline

**Fri 8 Sept** (12 midday)

Entrance Tests

**Sat 23 Sept**

Results Published

**Fri 13 Oct**

Application Deadline

**Tues 31 Oct**

Allocations Published

**Fri 1 March**

DIARY DATES 2023-24



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