

BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL



SIXTH FORM

September 2026 Entry



Welcome to our Sixth Form

I am incredibly proud of our Sixth Formers; they are an ambitious, aspirational, caring and highly-motivated group of young people who contribute fully to the life of the school.

I am pleased that the vast majority of Bournemouth School's GCSE students continue their studies in our Sixth Form. I am also delighted to welcome growing numbers from other local schools, including an ever-increasing number of girls.

Destinations

Last year, four students left to study at Cambridge, three students secured places at Oxford, and one student is now studying at Princeton. Seven students went on to study medicine; other popular courses were economics, biochemistry, engineering and mathematics.

In the last five years, our students have secured degree apprenticeships at Dyson, Jaguar Land Rover, Lloyds Bank, Barclays, Grant Thornton, JP Morgan, Deloitte, Foot Anstey National Law Firm, Saffery Champness Accountants and Forvis Mazars Tax Consultancy.

Academic success is only possible where students are effectively cared for and nurtured. My dedicated Sixth Form leadership team has designed a provision that includes enrichment and leadership opportunities, and which can be tailored to develop each individual. This bespoke package, together with a choice of studying either three or four A Levels, ensures that you are challenged, develops your full potential, and will put you at a competitive advantage in the future.

I hope that the following pages give you an insight into our outstanding Sixth Form, but please visit our website and speak to the team to fully understand what is on offer.



Mrs Clare Brown
Director of Sixth Form



Why Choose Bournemouth School?

The decision of where to study your A Levels is crucial. At Bournemouth School, we can offer you:

- ✓ A Sixth Form centre that opened in January 2023
- ✓ A proven track record of academic success
- ✓ First class advice and guidance on your next steps – whatever your ambitions are
- ✓ Genuine leadership responsibilities
- ✓ One-to-one tutoring and support
- ✓ An enrichment programme including art, music, the Combined Cadet Force (CCF), sport, and a range of student societies and work-related learning (WRL)
- ✓ A dedicated week of work experience
- ✓ A nurturing, safe and respectful environment
- ✓ A wide range of subjects from which to choose
- ✓ A vibrant and supportive school community



A Level Subjects

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology (Product Design)
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- Graphic Communication
- History
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Philosophy, Religion and Ethics
- Spanish

Your Programme of Study

Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
A Level subject of your choice	A Level subject of your choice	A Level subject of your choice	EPQ* or Core Mathematics* or AS Mathematics or A Level subject of your choice
For all students:			
Bournemouth School Mindset <i>Personal development</i> <i>Tutor time</i> <i>Next steps support (higher education and careers)</i>			
and			
Enrichment <i>Work-related learning (WRL)</i> <i>Physical education</i> <i>Lectures</i> <i>Volunteering</i> <i>Societies</i>			
and			
Extra curricular <i>Independent study</i> <i>Socialising</i> <i>Sport</i>			

* One year course

A minimum point score of 48 from your best eight GCSE results, and at least a grade 5 in mathematics and English language, are required to join our Sixth Form – please see our website for current subject-specific entry requirements. Upon joining, you will be guided through a choice of either four A Levels, or three A Levels and a ‘plus’ option. This discussion will be centred around choosing the route that best suits your abilities and aspirations.

Your 'Plus' Options



These courses have been specifically chosen to add value to your post-16 choices. Two of the qualifications will be completed in Year 12, enabling you to focus on your A Levels during Year 13.

AS Level Mathematics

Delivered over two years, this course is ideal if you wish to extend your GCSE mathematics knowledge and skills but do not need the full A Level.

“Core maths has been invaluable as it has assisted me with the statistical and data analysis components of the psychology A Level course.”

Core Mathematics

This is a good option if you are undertaking A Levels with a mathematical component, such as business studies, chemistry and psychology. The core mathematics course has been developed with employers, universities and professional bodies. It is an AS Level equivalent qualification, and will be completed in Year 12.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The EPQ is an independent research-based qualification on a subject of your choice. It has been designed to develop skills that will be of benefit not only at university but also in the world of work. It is an AS Level equivalent qualification, and will be completed in Year 12.

“Studying my EPQ allowed me to delve into a subject of specific interest by completing external research into this area. It has really supported my applications to study finance.”

Developing you as a leader and team player

There is more to life than examination results. We believe that developing your social, communication and leadership skills not only builds self-confidence and independence, but also gives you vital skills for university and the workplace.

We encourage our students to take genuine leadership roles within our school community.

The senior prefect team works closely with senior staff to set the agenda for the School Council, and meets regularly to influence and improve school life.

The responsibilities available range from mentoring younger students to organising one of the charity weeks we hold each year. We have supported a number of local charities and raised thousands of pounds for causes chosen by our students.

If you are open to taking on responsibility and playing an important part in developing and maintaining our positive and supportive school community, then we will have a role for you.

Leadership Opportunities

In addition to the prefect team, each of the six houses has the following positions for students:

- House Captain
- Deputy House Captain
- Sports Captain
- Mentoring Captain
- Arts Captain
- Charity Captain

“I love every moment of serving as School Captain as it gives me the opportunity to give back to the school I so deeply cherish.

“It is wonderful that there are so many prefect and leadership opportunities available; I recommend you get involved across the school in whatever ways you can.

“Not only does it develop you as a person in terms of confidence and organisation, it also helps others to enjoy their time at our school.”

— Luca Gallicchio, School Captain 2025-26

University and Careers Support

Whether your next step is university, a higher-level apprenticeship, internship, gap year, employment, or a year studying abroad, our enthusiastic and experienced Sixth Form team will help you achieve your goal. You will receive honest, practical advice and ongoing support with your application. In addition, you will be supported with interview preparation and guided through your personal statement. We are proud that our students secure places at the most prestigious British universities, international universities (including Harvard, Princeton and MIT), music academies, and on degree apprenticeship programmes with a range of employers.

Our experienced team will provide you with:

- ✓ A comprehensive careers programme to help you navigate your next steps
- ✓ First rate support for your university application
- ✓ Support when applying to university abroad
- ✓ Apprenticeship options
- ✓ Support with your interview preparation
- ✓ An environment that will support and enable your success

"I immediately found an amazing group of friends and anyone I asked would give me the help that I needed. Now, a year later, I feel like an invested part of the school community and part of a big family that has given me a tremendous amount of help for my future."

The Bournemouth School Mindset

Central to our provision is the belief that achieving the best possible grades in your A Levels requires more than just learning the specification and the subject content: research¹ into the mindset of successful A Level students has concluded that a particular set of skills, habits and behaviours are also important. In other words, your attitude, your study habits and a self-awareness of your own goals are essential to being an effective and successful A Level student.



¹ Oakes & Griffin, The VESPA Handbook

Diary Dates 2026



Sixth Form study programmes are ambitious and tailored to the students' needs. Pupils gain a remarkable depth of understanding... Students mentor younger pupils and volunteer in local hospitals... Students run their own clubs and societies... There are extensive opportunities for pupils to take on meaningful leadership roles.

— Ofsted report
February 2024

31 January

Expression of interest

25 June

Sixth Form experience day

20 August

GCSE results day

8.00am Application form opens

21 August

10.00am Application deadline

Offers will be sent by 5.00pm

3 September

Year 12 induction day



Mrs C Brown

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