

A Happy Mix

A Bedstone education is a happy mix of solid values, innovative teaching methods and hands-on involvement.

From their first days at the school students are encouraged to try everything and through this, excel at something, be it in the classroom or beyond.

Bedstone College is a boarding and day school that provides excellent resources, and an education that meets and exceeds the national curriculum. Being non-selective we have students of varying academic ability, but with individual care and support we expect each and every one to exceed their potential.

Students enter the senior school from our own junior school, as well as from a number of other primary and preparatory schools. Great emphasis is placed on pastoral care and, from the moment they join us, the girls and boys quickly settle in, secure and happy in their school family.



Firm Foundations

We recognise that we are educating our students at a time when many aspects of the world are rapidly changing. New technologies, increasing globalisation and the rapid growth of social media have transformed many of the ways we live our lives. At Bedstone, while fully mindful of these major influences, we believe it is perhaps even more important than ever before to establish the fundamentals of a good education. This foundation should be a constant during a time of change – a firm platform for building knowledge, developing independence of thought and growing confidence in personal social skills.

Bedstone's daily life is lively, busy and productive but always the greatest emphasis is placed on pastoral care. Our staff and students enjoy each other's company, everyone is valued as an individual and in this relaxed, friendly and supportive atmosphere, the girls and boys flourish.





Support and Guidance (11-14 years)

During their first few years in the senior school students are introduced to a full range of academic subjects that provide breadth and balance and will form the basis of their GCSE studies when they reach Year 10. Lessons follow a wide-ranging Key Stage 3 curriculum and include English, Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, French, Spanish, History, Geography, DT, Art, ICT, and PHSE. Close guidance from our teaching staff allows us to monitor each student's individual progress during these important years and identify strengths and potential problems at an early stage. Where a programme for gifted children or some learning support is indicated, it can be introduced seamlessly.

For those students joining us from overseas we also offer significant EAL support, which includes a full induction programme concentrating on developing the necessary academic and social language to help them to integrate smoothly into Bedstone life.





Increasing Focus (15-16 years)

To ensure that each student's academic study programme matches their ability, a personalised selection of subjects to be studied at GCSE is undertaken in Year 9. Emphasis is placed on safeguarding breadth and balance across the subjects studied to ensure maximum flexibility of subject choices at A Level. The curriculum is kept under constant review to maximise opportunities for individual students on an ongoing basis.

For the more able students their programme typically includes the core GCSE subjects – English (language and literature), Maths, French or Spanish, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and RS, and a choice of additional subjects from Geography, History, Business Studies, Art, DT, Music and Sports Studies. For those students who need additional support with their learning we prepare them to be ready to take six, seven or eight subjects at the end of the two-year course.





Harnessing Creative Spirit

Creativity provides a perfect balance to academic activities. With a huge range of opportunities to explore the expressive arts, students often surprise themselves with the discovery of previously untapped talents.

Our superbly equipped art studio houses impressive examples of visual art across a wide range of media. The students approach art with vitality and a significant number pursue the subject through to A Level and beyond. The music programme is full and varied, offering tuition across a range of instruments, as well as the opportunity to perform as a soloist or as part of a group.

Dance, including ballet, is taught in our modern, well-appointed Performing Arts Studio. Students enjoy becoming involved with drama both on and backstage and the professionally equipped college theatre is the perfect venue for an eclectic choice of productions, from Shakespeare to the ever popular bi-annual musical.





Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds

At Bedstone we enjoy some wonderful sports facilities and, with over 15 acres of playing fields, it is not surprising that both individual and team sports are very popular, even among those who are not naturally talented. All students are involved in training or in playing one or more sports several times each week and everyone is encouraged to have a go, whatever their ability. With the emphasis on enjoyment and the right level of encouragement, many who find sport challenging achieve excellent results and discover unexpected talents.

There is a wide range of sports on offer, from the team games of rugby, hockey, football, cricket, rounders and netball to a plethora of individual activities, such as swimming, tennis and badminton. Bedstone also has a new fitness suite with all the latest cardiovascular and strength machines. To top it off, Bedstone plays host to the annual Midlands ISA Cross-Country, an event in which we regularly retain trophies.





A Sense of Community

There is a strong sense of community at Bedstone, where boarders from the UK happily mix with those from overseas.

Our reputation for pastoral care is outstanding. Each of the four boarding houses (two boys' and two girls') has its own character and is run by houseparents, most of whom have young families of their own. The students are surrounded by close and friendly support and the atmosphere is that of an extended family and a home from home. Non-resident tutors assist in the running of the house and supervise prep each evening.

Life as a boarder is always full. Weekends comprise Saturday morning lessons and afternoon sports and on Sundays there is a fun programme of organised activities. These can include visits to theme parks, cinemas, or simply shopping or the opportunity to go canoeing, go-karting or paintballing.



