

Sixth Form 16-18 years

New Freedoms New Challenges

Moving into the Sixth Form is an exhilarating time of transition bringing new freedoms and challenges. It is designed to seamlessly bridge the gap between school and university, and the approach to learning is quite different with a structure that is less formal yet more demanding.

Students have tremendous opportunities to excel as they take increased responsibility for their working and personal lives. The guiding hand of the school is ever present and there is a strong working relationship between the students and our enthusiastic and supportive staff.

We are always proud to see our students leave Bedstone College as accomplished and confident young people, equipped not only with qualifications but also a wealth of experiences and an appetite for new challenges that will serve them well later in life.





Sixth Form Life

The majority of Sixth Formers choose to board as a great preparation for life away from home. New freedoms bring privileges such as a relaxed but smart dress code and the use of their own common room and social area. Privilege inevitably comes with responsibility and students are expected to act as role models and take up leadership positions while taking control of their working lives.

There is a wealth of opportunity both in the classroom and beyond including a huge range of sporting, creative, cultural and social activities. The Senior Dining Club, the Sixth Form Club and the glittering Sixth Form Ball are all enthusiastically supported. Life in the Sixth Form is full and in this close and vibrant community new friendships are forged, many of which last for life.



Academic Life

To ensure that students can pursue their individual passions Bedstone offers almost 20 A Level subjects in the Sixth Form. We are not a selective school and take great pride in our ethos of inclusive education. In class sizes averaging six students, every student is supported and encouraged to work to their maximum potential and optimise their chances of success, an approach that has been borne out over the last decade by nine out of ten Bedstone leavers securing a place at university on a course of their choice.

The academic curriculum is broad and balanced and, with close support, students are encouraged to take increased responsibility for organising their work and demonstrate independence of thought and a capacity for self-motivated study. Classroom learning is enhanced and invigorated by field trips, lectures and cultural, scientific and sporting trips in the UK and abroad.





A Full Life

Sixth Formers play an active role in the rich creative life of the school and art, drama and music are enthusiastically pursued as recreational as well as academic activities. Our superbly equipped art studio offers exciting possibilities to explore a variety of media. There are abundant opportunities to become involved in the performing arts with regular concerts, plays and musicals performed to much enthusiastic support in the school's outstanding theatre.

For others, the appeal of outdoor pursuits beckons and the Duke of Edinburgh Award opens up new challenges and experiences with many students having progressed to Gold Level by the time they enter the Sixth Form. In addition, an eclectic range of clubs, societies, outings and a packed sporting programme ensure that there is something for everyone and never a dull moment at Bedstone!



Guidance for Life

The Sixth Form years mark the beginning of new challenges; some are exhilarating while others, such as examinations, interviews and university applications, create considerable pressure. Throughout the school great emphasis is placed on pastoral care and our ever-watchful, close-knit staff are always at hand to anticipate potential concerns and ensure that no-one is overwhelmed.

In an atmosphere of mutual trust there is a warm rapport between students and staff. Throughout the Sixth Form years our careers team offers guidance, organises practice interviews and is on hand to help with university and career options, ensuring that the students can make informed decisions. Our guidance structure extends to completing UCAS forms, writing personal statements and even planning gap years so that every student has the best opportunity to achieve their full potential and pursue their individual ambitions.

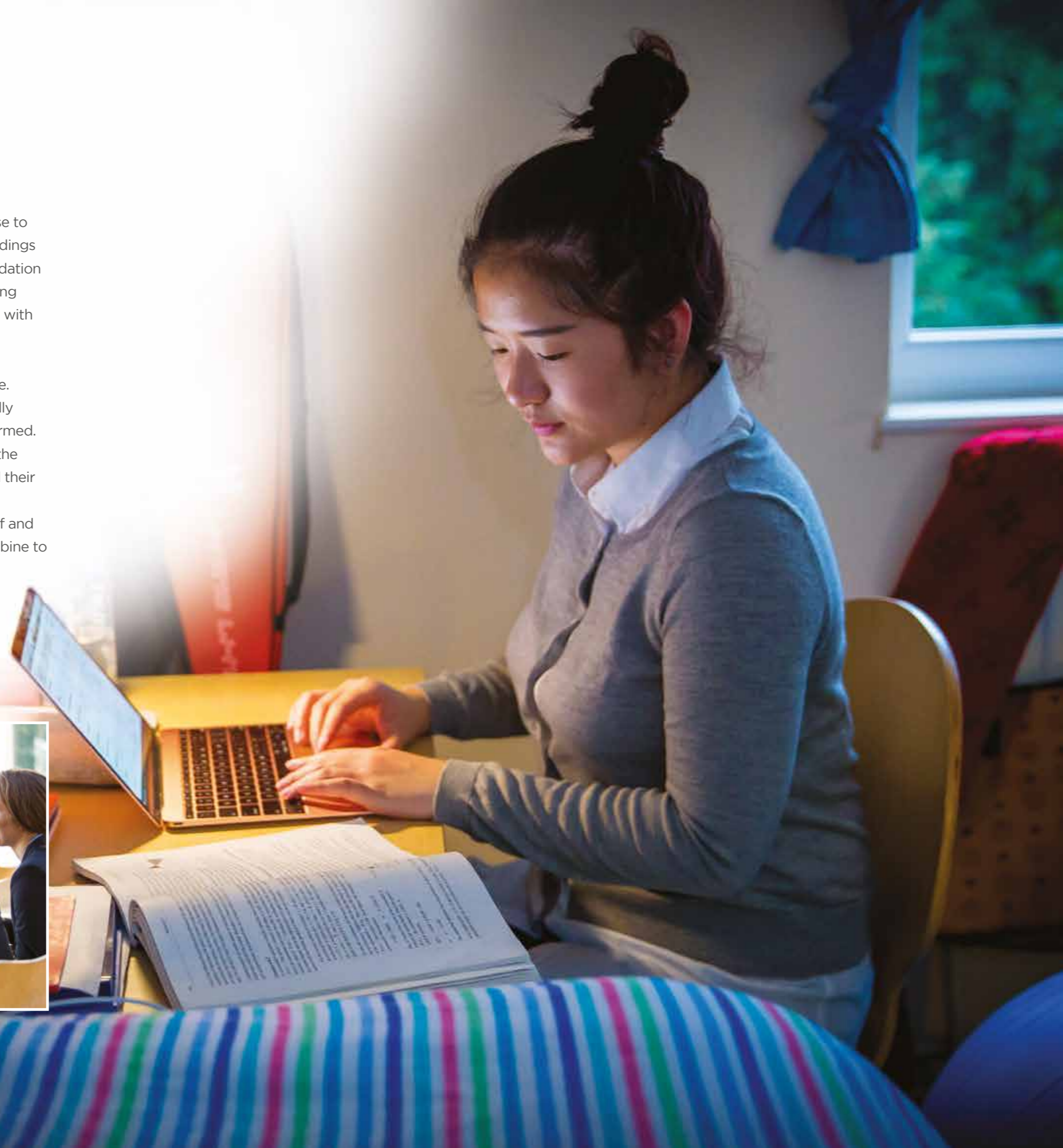


Boarding Life

Boarding at Bedstone is a happy home-from-home experience. The majority of our Sixth Formers choose to board and quickly settle into the cosy, warm surroundings under the care of their houseparents. The accommodation is in a mix of modern and period properties all boasting outstanding facilities and each house is a community with its own character and personality.

Boarding provides stability, a sense of common purpose and is excellent preparation for university life. The students support each other academically, socially and emotionally and many lifelong friendships are formed. Bedstone also enjoys an international community in the Sixth Form, opening up the students' world view and their understanding of different countries and cultures.

The camaraderie, the ever-present support of staff and the confidence born of taking real responsibility combine to provide strong foundations for future success in all aspects of adult life.



Prepared for Life

By the time they leave us, Bedstone students will have encountered challenges, enjoyed adventures, formed lifelong friendships and hopefully surprised and delighted themselves by having achieved more than they had ever dreamed possible. They emerge as accomplished, self-assured and thoughtful young people equipped with knowledge, life skills and an intellectual curiosity that will sustain them for life.

Education is about much more than examination results and our students leave us with far more than qualifications. From their first days here they will have been encouraged to embrace a wealth of opportunities and we are proud to see them moving on energised by these experiences as they start out on the next stage of their journey with an enthusiastic appetite for new challenges.





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