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BOURNEMOUTH COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
PROSPECTUS



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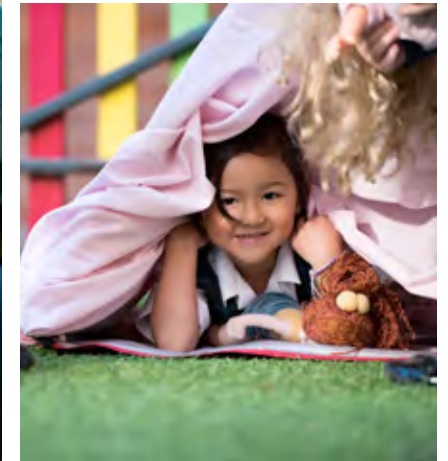
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TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bournemouth Collegiate School is a family. Like any family we care for, support and motivate each other, and share a common desire to be there for one another. The happy atmosphere, which overwhelms visitors as they walk through our door for the first time, radiates to every corner of our school.

BCS is an extraordinary place in which to learn. We are part of a country-wide educational group, United Learning, which seeks 'the best in everyone', and we take that mission very seriously. Every child is special. In these pages we invite you to share our values and sense our excitement; we are ready to face the challenge if you are. Together, we will make a difference – to you, to our community and to our world.





KINDERGARTEN

When you enter the colourful world of Kindergarten, the happy atmosphere immediately draws you in. It is the sparkle in the eyes of our youngest pupils', their sense of excitement, exploration and discovery and the confidence with which they approach each new day that confirms we are nurturing an enthusiasm in them that will, in time, become a lifelong joy for learning.

The key to happiness comes from children believing that they are special and have a valuable contribution to make to our world. Our enthusiastic and dedicated staff focus on the individuality and well-being of all children, encouraging independence, whilst also helping them to build friendships and value and respect others for who they are.

Whether they are splashing in the swimming pool, tramping through the forest, clambering to new heights on the climbing frame, planting vegetables or baking cookies, the children in our care are adventurous in their learning and this sense of adventure is encouraged and celebrated.

There is a vibrancy in our Kindergarten as the learning journey begins...





PREP SCHOOL

Exploration is what happens when curiosity gets the better of you. This sense of adventure is encouraged and supported by the broad curriculum and extra-curricular activities our pupils enjoy.

We equip our pupils with the skills and attitudes necessary to acquire as much knowledge as they can. They are expected to challenge themselves, ask questions and strive to be the very best that they can be.

At the BCS Prep we promote an educational experience that enriches the life of every pupil. They are given the encouragement and inspiration to succeed and excellence, whether in the classroom, or on the sports field or on the stage, is celebrated. Our pupils understand that learning is about: active participation, seeking answers, taking risks, making mistakes, resilience in the face of adversity, celebrating achievement and having the humility to accept when things go wrong.



Sport and PE

Physical activity and challenge is embedded in the life of our school. Pupils learn that an active life style benefits their well-being. They experience the satisfaction of achieving personal triumphs and the excitement that comes from competition and team spirit. We are proud winners and gracious losers.

Outside the Classroom

Through Forest School activities we use our woodland areas to intrigue, excite and stimulate pupils. They create homes for wildlife, observe the nesting of birds and the growth of plants, make camp fires, build dens, whittle wood and create natural art and sculptures.

NEW IDEAS

Our pupils are able to learn and explore new ideas with the help of caring and experienced teachers and by having access to outstanding facilities.

Our pupils are independent and self-motivated but understand and value the strength that comes from co-operation and teamwork and the confidence that comes from leadership. At the BCS Prep everyone is different, everyone is special and everyone is proud to say, 'It's good to be me'.



Technology

The fast-changing world of technology is the future for our children and we embrace it. Technology is used to enhance teaching and learning in all classes. However, new and innovative ideas are always balanced by the very best of traditional teaching.

Music and Drama

Self-confidence develops as pupils learn to perform. The many opportunities available to play a musical instrument or participate in plays and productions allow pupils to blossom with a creative spirit that inspires and delights any audience.





SENIOR SCHOOL

Not just good, but the best we can be! Everyone has a level that they can reach easily, but also a level far beyond that, which they could reach with extra effort, with the right help and with access to the best resources. We will provide the help and resources. We will offer the encouragement and we will celebrate the success of every pupil. Everyone can work towards a personal best and experience the exhilaration of excellence.

Our commitment is to nurture the individual, and to stimulate the joy of exploring the challenges of life and learning together. We promote leadership and team playing; the ideal is to be comfortable and confident in both. In every area of school life there is an over-riding partnership between learner and teacher. Our teachers offer structure, guidance, experience, standards, priorities, discipline and, above all, inspiration! Good teaching remains at the heart of our school: it is the ultimate partnership that underlies successful independent learning.



Our Focus

Our focus is on academic success; and a strong commitment to an all-round education, providing the opportunities that will develop 21st Century skills for 21st Century learners. We want every pupil to achieve personal bests in a safe and stimulating environment.

IMAGINATION AND DISCOVERY

We strive to develop new skills in our pupils and the imagination to use them differently. We help them to find knowledge and the insight to see new connections. We encourage flair and freedom so that they learn independently and explore new horizons.

Creative thinking inspires their music, their performances and their art, but it is just as important in science, mathematics or languages. We can't teach pupils to make great discoveries, but we can certainly give them the attitudes, skills, and approaches that will make discovery very much more likely. We aim to promote an educational experience that enriches the life of every pupil.



“The teachers make the lessons fun and relevant, which helps me to understand, learn and remember.”

Year 10 pupil





COMMUNITY

BCS is an all-inclusive and culturally diverse school where every pupil is valued and respected, and where we embrace and celebrate the differences in each other

CREATIVITY

turning imagination into reality





CURIOSITY

to explore new ideas and to find out why







SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form provides a stimulating environment for purposeful academic study. This period of study is the prelude to higher education: a stage in the process of not only learning but of learning how to learn.

Students enter into sixth form life with enquiring minds ready to be challenged and emerge two years later as young men and women primed for success, with a range of skills and experience necessary for life in the 21st Century.

BCS Sixth Form adopts a friendly atmosphere based on mutual respect, individuality and support. Our close-knit community values encourage diversity, as well as fostering academic and social self-development. Our subjects are taught with an excellent quality of teaching, allowing students to communicate freely with their tutors. They can, therefore, offer help and advice in other matters as well as those concerning education.





Intellectual and Social Development

We aim to enhance intellectual and social development. Our sixth form is full of fun and laughter, but its successes are built through commitment, effort and a strong feeling of belonging to a supportive and friendly sixth form family.

Individual Attention

Relatively small classes mean individual attention and a much higher personal profile in the group, which benefits everyone.

Every student is unique and given the chance to play a leadership role in the school. Strong and enthusiastic individuals with a clear sense of self-worth provide the fuel that fires both the sixth form community, and the school as a whole, in their role as leaders.

CHALLENGE

We expect our Sixth Form to be challenging. We want our students to know their strengths, but also to recognise their limits and then overcome those limitations in order to excel. We aim to develop in students an enjoyment in academic enquiry, a desire to debate and search for explanation well beyond the published syllabus.

We expect them to develop a love of learning and of their subjects, but also to be able to step beyond and explore the triumphs of sporting success or the creative passion of music, drama or art. The Sixth Form facilities and the exciting programme of after school activities are excellent. This combination makes BCS a stimulating place for both personal and academic development. In a setting like this, it is easy to see why so many of our students gain places at the most selective universities around the world, with a large number achieving places at Russell Group.



“BCS supported me with my university applications and helped me make the right choices.”

Year 13 student







BOARDING

The boarding houses at BCS welcome boys and girls aged 11-18. A high proportion come from the UK whilst the remainder come from overseas. The school offers an attractive set of full, weekly and flexi-boarding options. Both the accommodation and setting provide a stimulating and caring environment in which each boarder is treated as an individual.

We encourage everyone to develop their character, personality and talents within the framework of the boarding community, enabling boys and girls to grow in confidence and independence.

As well as enjoying a home from home environment in modern accommodation, boarders have access to a range of activities in the evenings and weekends providing a welcome break from the normal academic routines. Boarders are able to make good use of the local beach, which is just a 2 minute walk from the school and the family-friendly town of Bournemouth.



Safe and Secure

Boarders have access to spacious and comfortable common rooms. They enjoy full access to all the facilities on the school premises, the beautiful grounds and the outdoor and indoor sports venues including the state of the art high-performance centre and an indoor 25m pool.

We give the safety and security of all our boarders the highest priority, without inhibiting their sense of freedom. Communication with home is supported through a variety of modern technologies.

ALL ROUND SUPPORT

As well as ensuring the pastoral welfare of our boarders, staff also take an active interest in their academic progress.

Structured daily study sessions are supervised by our academic tutors. We expect everyone to uphold strong community values and our boarding family is based on honesty, respect and consideration of the needs of others.

The boarding staff live within the boarding houses and medical support is provided by professionals. There is always an adult presence without any invasion of the pupils' sense of privacy. The benefit of boarding life is demonstrated by the many and varied successes of our boarders. Individuals become part of a family and as a family we all nurture and encourage one another.



“The pastoral care is outstanding. This is a happy school with happy children who enjoy the boarding experience.”

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OUR SCHOOL, OUR COMMUNITY OUR FAMILY

A successful school is a way of life and a place in which to live that life. We aim to make BCS a comfortable and happy place, as that is the best setting in which to grow the abilities of all our pupils. But BCS is also a demanding and exciting place where we openly celebrate pupils' achievements – whether in examinations, on the sports field, in the creative arts or in working for others.

Our school has a strong and supportive Christian ethos which guides its approach, but is also open and inclusive, welcoming children from many different cultures, religions and countries. We want pupils to be true to themselves, but also to grow up to respect the individuality of others.

Above all, through BCS, pupils learn to give as well as to take, to share as well as to compete. We take our social and global responsibilities very seriously. Together we will make a difference, to our pupils and to the world around. That's the best in everyone.

HOW TO FIND US

BCS has excellent road and rail links with the rest of the United Kingdom (under 2 hours by train or road to London), with good connections to Heathrow (2 hours) and Southampton (45 minutes) international airports. Bournemouth airport is 10 minutes from the school.



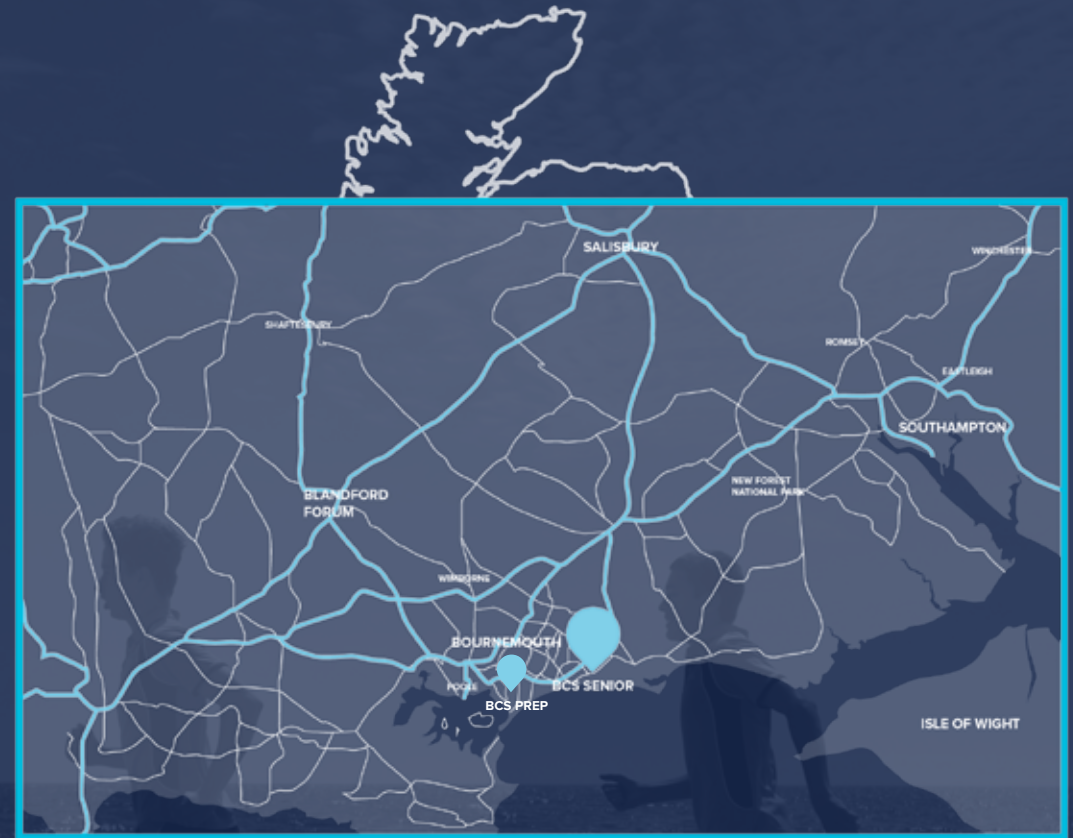
Within 2.5 hours maximum of both Heathrow & Gatwick International Airports



Excellent road network connections from London and the Midlands, with easy access to the South West



Both rail and coach networks converge at Bournemouth Train station, some 10 minutes from the school.



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