BISHOP DOUGLASS SIXTH FORM



Broadening horizons, shaping futures

Welcome to Bishop Douglass Sixth Form

We are delighted to welcome you to the successful and inspirational Bishop Douglass Sixth Form. We are inspirational because of you – our students! There is a true sense of community, familiarity and positive relationships within our Sixth Form and you will be motivated, challenged and encouraged to embark on a journey of academic and personal growth that will be the bridge between us, university and your future career.

Exceptional opportunities will be presented to you, and we want you to explore, take risks, grow and develop into mature young adults with the brightest of futures ahead of you. You will read about the impressive university destinations of those that have gone before you and many of our alumni who are now returning to us to share their stories and experiences in order for you to maximise your potential.

We are invested in your academic and personal success, and we welcome your passion, individuality and drive to find the best pathways and to aim high. You will receive individual attention to suit you, with a diverse range of courses to match every need and ambition, ensuring that you always have the right level of support and challenge.

At Bishop Douglass we are known for the excellent outcomes of our students, the exceptional pastoral support and the personalised experience we offer which will open doors for you now and in the future. We will encourage independence and have high expectations of you whilst you take advantage of unique and exclusive programmes and initiatives, including our bursary scheme.

There are many leadership, community and enrichment opportunities open within our Sixth Form and our students are instrumental in running the school's community endeavours. In addition, there are a vast number of clubs and enrichment activities on offer, including termly social events specifically for sixth formers.

We are looking forward to getting to know you better and to sharing this next exciting chapter in your life.

Mr J Hart
Head of Year 12
Assistant Headteacher

Ms D Prina
Head of Year 13
Assistant Headteacher







The top reasons for joining us

Bishop Douglass offers a personalised, stimulating and challenging Sixth Form experience which is designed to prepare you for the demands of the modern world and ensure your future success.

1. Bespoke programmes of study with 30+ academic courses including A Levels, BTEC courses and the Extended Project Qualification.
2. Small teaching groups and a dedicated form tutor to support individual target setting for academic and personal progress.
3. A highly skilled and committed Sixth Form team with specialist teachers who are experts in their field and passionate about their subject.
4. An experienced pastoral team offering outstanding care and support.
5. An enriching experience with specific clubs, societies, student leadership opportunities tailored to the passions of each and every student.
6. Bespoke one-to-one careers and UCAS guidance: mock interviews, personal statement workshops and support, work experience, Oxbridge and Medicine talks.
7. A dedicated Sixth Form suite with a well-resourced library, study areas and specialist classrooms.
8. Excellent communication network between home and school: student panelling, regular newsletters, letters and emails; autumn target setting day and 'up the ante' evenings; spring parent evenings and termly parent forums.

"The teachers at Bishop Douglass are incredibly supportive, and a strength of the Sixth Form. They are professionals, knowledgeable and inspiring, with great belief in all their students. There is a shared sense of care towards one another and the community, everyone looks out for one another, shares in each other's successes and offers support when needed. I am planning to move to Japan after I graduate university and intend to study Japanese and Economics at SOAS."
Current Year 13 student



Step into the next stage of your educational journey at Bishop Douglass Sixth Form

A unique Sixth Form experience

Follow your passions and interests with invaluable experiences for personal growth, cultural enhancement, community involvement and leadership development. With learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom, come and visit us to find out what we have on offer.

- Community outreach work: volunteering, charity work and fundraising events
- Debating opportunities through Model United Nations and Debate Mate
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Silver and Gold) and National Citizen Service
- Clubs, including Art, chess, climate change, cultural exchange, Drama, fitness, Geography society, mindfulness; Spanish cinema, table tennis and wellbeing
- Cultural trips, including museums, art galleries and landmarks
- Outward bound residentials and field trips including opportunities for global travel, with visits and expeditions abroad

Preparing students for the world of work

You will receive exemplary careers and higher education advice through a dedicated careers advisor who will arrange workshops, seminars, speakers, Careers Week and events for you and your parents.

- Experience the world of work through a one-week work placement within an organisation that fits with your individual aspirations and interests
- Employment seminars: activities include mock interviews and guidance on writing exceptional CVs
- Flying Start Degree Programme with Pricewaterhouse Coopers
- Visits from former students and inspirational speakers with real life experiences of the world of work and university life
- Careers Week, including guest speakers from key professions: Accountancy, Law, Medicine, Investment Banking
- Guidance on how to search and apply for apprenticeships and attendance at National Apprenticeship Week to engage with a range of employers from various industries

University pathway

We offer personalised support in selecting degree programmes, at the broadest range of UK universities, and completing your UCAS application. In addition, we have various visits, day experiences, including university visits and guest speakers from institutions held at Bishop Douglass, and summer placements on offer alongside interview and exam preparation for those wishing to apply to Oxbridge or for a degree in Medicine.

- Taster and open days at a wide range of universities, including Russell Group and Oxbridge
- Invitations to summer school programmes held at universities during the summer break; hearing from inspirational speakers; personal statement workshops; mock interview practice and student finance guidance
- A virtual university course: attend lectures, seminars and tutorials which mirrors university study
- Entrance exam preparation, including Medicine and Oxbridge interviews
- Support with UCAS application writing from our experienced team of staff

Essential skills

Nurturing your ambition, boosting resilience, developing leadership and team building skills to ensure that your personal development and wellbeing are a priority. We will concentrate on developing your self-confidence, community awareness, self-esteem and transferable'skills as part of building your portfolio of work and personal life attributes.

- A range of senior leadership and peer mentoring roles are available: Head Boy/Girl; Deputy Head Boy/Girl; Senior Prefect for Peer Mentoring and New Starters; the Charity Events Committee and Common Room Committee
- Student-led programmes, including involvement in our Student Council and creating and running clubs for younger students
- An enhanced Leadership Programme where sixth formers learn to become leaders in their chosen field
- Study and Entrepreneurial Life Skills Programme
- Support with CV writing and job interview preparation





Transition Programme

We understand that the leap into Sixth Form education is not an easy one but we are here every step of the way. Expectations on students are higher, you will be required to work independently, and there is pressure to juggle this with extensive extra-curricular activities. We know this can seem a daunting prospect, which is why we have a comprehensive Transition Programme to make sure you are prepared for the change.

The programme includes:

November/December: Open Evening and assemblies

January/February: Interviews with Head of Year 12 and Head of Year 13

March: Coffee Mornings with current sixth formers

April: Sixth Form Taster Day

July: Transition work

August: Exam Results and Sixth Form Enrolment

September: Induction Day and 'Up the Ante' Evening

October: An ongoing programme of mentoring and study skills support

In reality, transition never ends. You will always receive the assistance that you need throughout your time at Bishop Douglass Sixth Form, in whatever way you need it. Our goal is your success, and that is always our top priority.

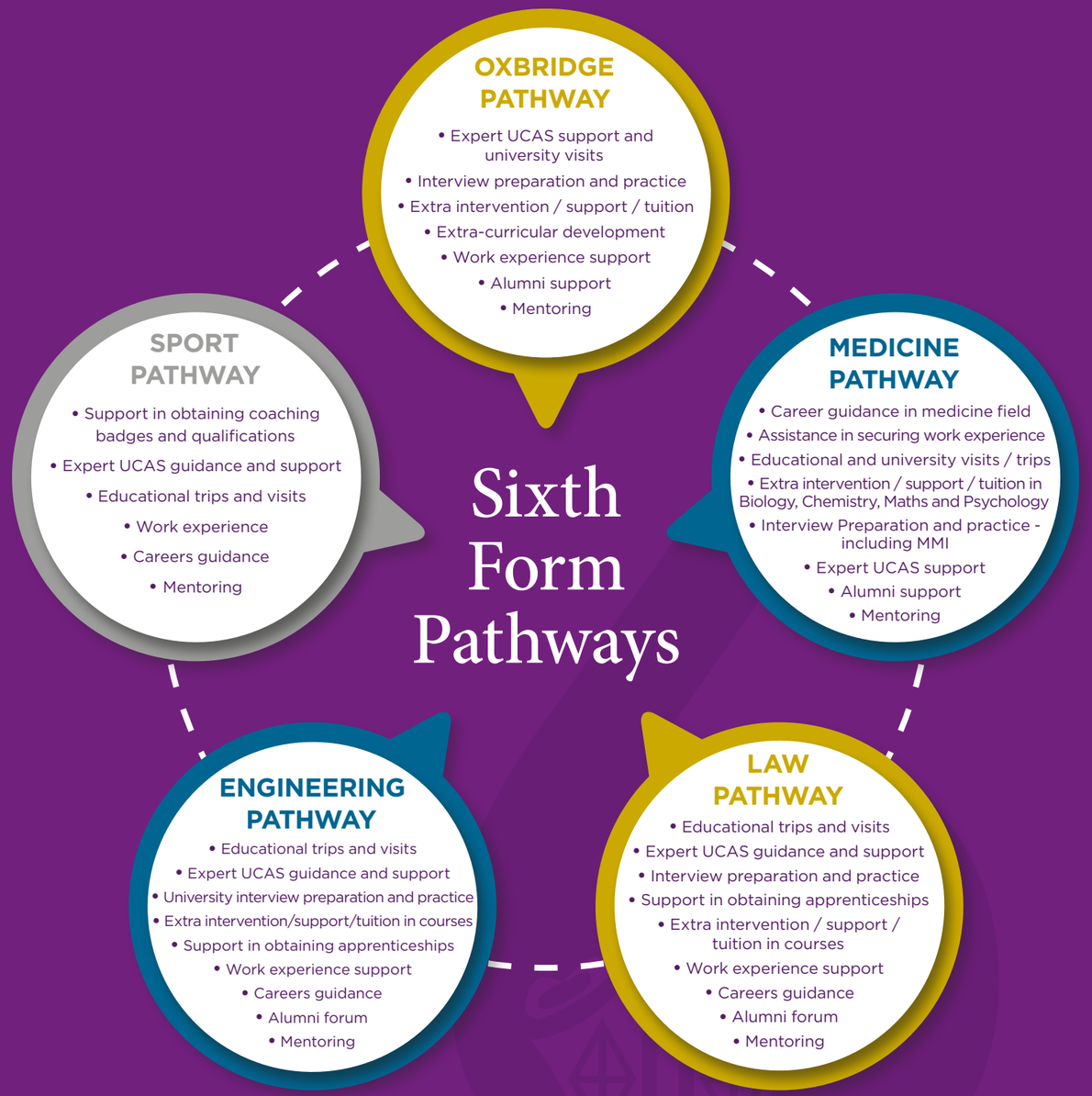
Enviable facilities

Our purpose-built Sixth Form suite offers a library, a quiet study room, a common room with a kitchen, gardens, and specialist classrooms. There are computer suites and Media facilities, with priority access to specific areas within and outside school.

"There is no greater support or sense of care than that offered by the teachers at Bishop Douglass. They have everyone's best interests at heart, they have been incredibly supportive and guided me over the last two years with encouragement and pride. Not only do they care for our wellbeing, but they are subject specialists, with impressive subject knowledge which they share with students, inspiring us and making every single lesson exciting, dynamic and delivering it with passion".
Current Year 13 student

Sixth Form Pathways

At Bishop Douglass, we support students on their journeys to achieving academic excellence by entering them onto our unique 'Pathways.' Each pathway is bespoke for the intended outcome, and nurtures student talent both in and out of the classroom. Pathways enable individuals broad experiences within their chosen industry, as well as provide specific opportunities including; meeting industry leaders, work experience, interview practice etc. This increases our students' chances of successfully entering their chosen field.





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