

Bedford School



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Bedford School is an independent boarding and day school for boys aged 7 to 18 years, where fundamental traditions combine with innovative educational thinking. In addition to an established reputation for academic excellence, we are renowned for our strengths in music, the arts and sport.

At Bedford we believe that a complete and balanced education produces fully rounded boys. From age 7 to 18, it's a continuity of education that enriches, and prepares them for a full and rewarding adult life.

Life at Bedford School is very full and, from their earliest years, boys are encouraged to take full advantage of the endless opportunities open to them. There is an easy mix of day boys, weekly and full boarders, all of whom enjoy outstanding facilities and a full social life.

Location

The School is set in a beautiful and extensive estate in the heart of Bedford, a market town just 50 miles north of London. With easy access to Luton, Stansted and Heathrow Airports, as well as Cambridge and Oxford, Bedford is ideally located for British and international students alike.

Academic life

Our highly qualified teaching staff are selected on their ability to communicate and inspire. The result is a vibrant, stimulating environment,



where boys can be happy, grow in self-confidence, thrive academically and make the most of the wide range of opportunities on offer.

Our curriculum is structured to provide breadth, balance and extend learning well beyond national requirements, and offers boys a varied choice of subjects. Our academic success is demonstrated by a long history of impressive examination results at GCSE, A-level and in the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

Sporting tradition

In line with our enviable sporting tradition, we aim to inspire a lifelong interest in sport, promoting teamwork, wellbeing, fitness and, most of all, enjoyment.

The School's sporting resources are outstanding – a floodlit twin AstroTurf complex, indoor swimming pool, tennis and squash courts, playing fields, fitness centre and recreation centre combine to provide first-class facilities from which many international players have emerged.

Music and creative arts

Bedford School has a long-established reputation for excellence in music, drama and the arts. With its state-of-the-art music school, Bedford has one of the largest music departments in the country and a high proportion of students learn to play one or more instruments. In fact many parents choose Bedford School in preference to a specialist music school to provide excellent teaching within a strong academic environment.

Drama and theatre studies have become increasingly popular, and our commitment to the arts is demonstrated through our stunning new 290-seat galleried courtyard theatre, The Quarry Theatre at St Luke's, which officially opened in July 2015.

Our first-rate art studios are available to everyone to explore sculpture, photography, fine art and design.



Strong community

When boys first arrive at Bedford, they are welcomed into a genuinely caring community, where individuals and individuality are valued. At the centre of this community are the boarding houses, which become a 'home away from home' for boys during their time at the School. Boys enjoy regular house trips and events throughout the year.

The Preparatory School and Upper School operate independently on the same campus but join together to provide continuity of education from 7 to 18 years of age.

Beyond the classroom

A diverse programme of extracurricular activities is available to all boys, including the CCF (Combined Cadet Force), Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Community Service, fundraising groups, and more than 50 other clubs and societies, from astronomy to Young Enterprise. Whilst committed to the benefits of single-sex teaching, the School works closely with its sister school, Bedford Girls' School, to provide a wide-ranging programme of co-educational extracurricular and social activities.

Scholarships

Scholarships worth up to 35% of annual school fees are available to boys who excel academically, or show outstanding talent in art, drama, music or sport. Families can also apply for additional funding through our means-tested bursary scheme.

Visit Bedford School

We warmly invite you to join us at one of our Open Mornings or for a private visit to see the School in action, meet the boys and staff, and get a flavour of life at Bedford School. Please contact Vanessa Hicks, Director of Admissions, for further information on +44 (0)1234 362216 or e-mail admissions@bedfordschool.org.uk.

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For information on Bedford School's International Study Centre (BSSC), please see pages 228–229.

Thriving and successful, with happy pupils and happy parents – a place where all boys can hit their personal best.

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Key facts

Type of school Boys boarding and day

Age range 7–18

Number of pupils 1,077

Number of boarders 259

Teacher/pupil ratio 1:24 (1:12 for Years 11 and 12)

Religious tradition Anglican

Fees per term Full boarding £6,761–£9,915;

Weekly boarding £6,444–£9,587; Day £3,799–£5,862

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