THE MODERN FACE OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATION
“These days, standing still is moving backwards. Bishop’s Stortford College is not standing still. It is as simple as that.”

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We knew she could fly if she got the chance, and she has certainly got that chance here. The College has fired her imagination and given her the skills she needs to make her way in a world where we do not know what the opportunities will be.”
Pre-Prep

We understand those first steps into school can be daunting. Under the care and guidance of our experienced and friendly staff, your child will settle with ease to become a happy and secure learner.

In a modern atmosphere which inspires creativity, imagination, and curiosity, your child will discover the wonder of learning whilst developing core social qualities which will see them through life. They will be encouraged to become independent learners, creative thinkers, and to develop the confidence to try new things.

Here, is where their journey begins.
Inside or outside the classroom, your child will be immersed in experiences which encourage them to expand their horizons, learn new skills, ask questions, voice their opinions, and consider their thoughts.

First-hand experiences and purposeful interactions, alongside carefully planned activities, are the foundations of our curriculum, before your child progresses to study a variety of subjects and specific skills.

Our Forest School is integral to the holistic approach we take, ensuring your child develops the attributes required to become a successful and resilient learner in an enriching and stimulating environment.
So many opportunities. In the classroom, in play, on the sports fields, in the clubs, and societies. The chance right there in front of you to get involved. You quickly find things you enjoy and become good at, and it becomes the norm. It becomes a habit.”
Pre-Prep School

It imparts an education which encompasses a broad curriculum and educational rigour; one that inspires, challenges preconceptions, and drives achievement. We want your child to enjoy coming to school and to develop a love for learning.

We cultivate enquiring minds, facilitate independent thought, and enable intellectual development through the pursuit of skills relevant to today’s world. Here, your child will receive the time and attention needed to prepare them for the future, and to reach their full potential.

Prep School

Our Prep School is a busy, thriving community full of possibilities.
We’re about more than just academic study. Our wide-ranging opportunities beyond the classroom give your child the chance to develop those key personal and social skills which will set them up for life.

It could start with music, or drama, which could then lead to debating. We know the wide range of activities we offer will build resilience, open mindsets and give your child confidence in themselves and their work in the classroom. The down-to-earth atmosphere here is the perfect launch pad for outstanding performance.
"Because of all the many things I do here, in all sorts of areas, these challenges have forced me to raise my game. I feel I will have the confidence of knowing how to function in the new world that we are all going to embrace."
We believe we offer the whole package: breadth of opportunity, depth of academic enquiry, and quality of human values and skills, all within a future-oriented climate of endeavour that recognises tomorrow more than yesterday.

We aim to ensure all-round growth; academically, morally, spiritually, physically, and creatively. Together, qualifications and qualities are what an education for today and tomorrow must deliver.
Academic qualifications are the gateway into the future your child will wish to pursue. As such they are a prime focus for us. Small classes, an emphasis on individuals, and teachers with outstanding subject knowledge, will ensure that your child receives the time and attention they need. Encouraging your child to reach their full potential is key to everything we do.

By being immersed in an environment of discovery and wholehearted participation your child will flourish.

Around 50% of pupils in the 10 Club* each year

*10 GCSEs at grade 7 or above

Pupils grow steadily in self-confidence and independence, well supported by the curriculum and teaching.
“I will leave with the expectation of being able to do, and do well, whatever it is that I take on. I will leave here well prepared for my life beyond school, with a combination of abilities, some social, some academic, and with choices – choices as to where to direct my efforts and enthusiasm.”
Academic success is the foundation of everything we do. We combine this with a future-focused programme, recognising that academic success alone is not enough to stand out from the crowd as our students look to university, degree apprenticeships, and the world of work. Our Sixth Form Award enables students to try out new activities, to develop skills, and build up experiences, based on their own interests and aspirations in preparation for life beyond school.

We encourage all to work hard and play hard.
Treated as young adults, students will be stretched and encouraged by expert teachers to be intellectually curious and critical thinkers, preparing them for success not only at A Level but also to develop qualities that will make them successful in a fast-changing world of work. Independence, emotional intelligence, and leadership skills are honed across an array of activities on offer. As students look to make decisions about their future they are fully supported by a team of careers professionals, tutors and teachers.

Students leave with a wealth of happy memories and confidence to embrace the future.

“The College appreciates what’s different about every student and works on allowing that to grow and flourish.”
Outside the classroom there is a vast range of activities for your child to engage in to ignite new passions. Whether that’s on the pitch or in the studio, there is something to interest everyone.

Our superb sporting facilities, alongside expert coaching, ensures your child will benefit from the best sporting provision. Whatever level their ability, we want them to experience enjoyment as well as success.

Across our school your child will be exposed to a rich tapestry of art, music, and drama, both behind the scenes or on centre stage. The activities programmes, in our Prep and Senior Schools, offer an exciting range of opportunities, from archery to cookery. Educational trips enrich our pupils’ experience too, from local historical sites to exciting expeditions overseas.

BURSARIES
Means tested financial assistance available
“The College is a beautiful environment. I love the people here and the independence that boarding gives you.”

The strong sense of belonging and genuine care between pupils across the year groups, and staff, make the College a very special place. Here, there is a togetherness where none of us is as important as all of us.

Boarding provides the highest octane experience of College life and offers an inclusive environment, where the diverse backgrounds of our boarders are shared and celebrated, and lifelong friendships are made. Pupils board in both Prep School and Senior School.

The weekend programme for our boarders brings together a mixture of fun and team-building activities, and the opportunity to acquire new skills. The aim is to enrich boarders’ time at the College and enable them to relax after a busy week.
I hope this prospectus has given you a glimpse of what makes our rather wonderful, busy, jaunty, sometimes quirky, often highly successful community tick. We are normal people doing normal things, but more of them and better, and in a climate of safety and real dedicated care for each child. We do not look like most schools of our type. We do indeed have the huge campus with wonderful facilities and manicured pitches. We have the Pre-Prep, Prep, Senior School, and Sixth Form on site. We have the academic track-record which is already first-rate and is aiming ever higher. But we are, as this prospectus has shown, different in some important ways.

We are, I believe, the modern face of independent education.

Come to see for yourself and let me know what you think.

Kathy Crewe-Read
College Head