



**Bishop
Perowne**
Church of England College
Endeavour Forever



Welcome to our school

At Bishop Perowne Church of England College, our goal is for every one of our students to realise their full academic and personal potential. We want them to become the best they can be, and to have the best possible chance of a successful future.

We recognise that every student is an individual with unique abilities and aspirations, and we provide the guidance, tools and support to help them identify and achieve the future that is right for them.

Based in the heart of Worcester, our school offers a rich and varied curriculum, made possible by our excellent facilities and staff, and supported by an abundance of extracurricular activities. To help our students learn and grow, we encourage them by setting targets and monitoring their performance, thereby building the motivation and confidence to achieve their goals.

We work tirelessly to create a productive, nurturing environment for our students to thrive in. What we ask in return is that students give their best every day and treat those around them according to the Christian values of love, compassion, freedom and justice that guide our efforts.

From students to parents to staff, our community encourages understanding of and respect for others, and draws its strength from the close bonds between members.

By adhering to these principles we produce young people with both the skills and good character required to succeed in life.

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“ **Pupils were transfixed by the subject matter, totally committed to their learning, and listening intently to teacher’s clear and detailed explanations.** ”

Ofsted 2018





All about learning

Inside our classrooms we build the future. It is a collaborative process that begins with ideal learning conditions and ends with knowledgeable, switched-on students.

Bishop Perowne's modern curriculum offers a foundation of important core subjects, supplemented by a rich and diversified selection of additional subjects, such as psychology and artistic disciplines within the performing arts.

This approach ensures students gain knowledge central to their progression, while also benefitting from a personalised learning experience that suits their own particular interests and talents. In addition, we set out to develop wider skills such as creativity, teamwork, communication and organisational skills.

Our professional and caring staff are committed to the development of their students, engaging them with stimulating material and challenging them to achieve their full potential.

To support their teaching, they utilise trusted technologies to improve efficiency and engagement, while retaining an organic, personalised approach that really connects with students.

This rigorous, personalised approach to teaching ensures students get the most from lessons and no-one is left behind.

“ An unwavering commitment to helping each pupil succeed means that Bishop Perowne lives out its motto 'Endeavour Forever'. ”

SIAMS report 2018





Wellbeing

“The school is a calm and purposeful place.”

Ofsted 2018

We take the wellbeing of our students very seriously. Stress and anxiety can negatively impact the daily activities of students, and affect their ability to perform.

At Bishop Perowne, we work together to remove the barriers to success that mental health difficulties can create. We offer a range of services to support our students, from 1:1 mental health first aid sessions, to the support of student Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Students should feel they have a place to come and share their feelings with professionals who will listen and offer help. Our staff are trained to deal with a variety of situations and where necessary can refer students to professionally qualified counsellors and the school nurse.

Because every individual is different, we know that some students may require an alternative approach to their teaching if they are to fulfil their potential. The SEND Hub is a dedicated space at Bishop Perowne which aims to improve the school experience for students with additional needs, such as those with learning difficulties, anxiety or shyness.

Inside the SEND Hub, we provide a safe environment where students can learn in a relaxed and caring atmosphere, and build the confidence to help their interactions throughout the school.

“Credit has to go to Mr Pollard and his team for a continued ethos of providing a safe, nurturing and happy environment whilst increasing the emphasis on educational attainment.”

Year 9 parent

Facilities

It is of critical importance to us that our students and staff are equipped with the tools necessary for effective learning. We aim to provide them with the best possible facilities and equipment, from outstanding sports and performing arts areas, to classrooms with cutting edge technology.



Sports

The school has a large purpose-built sports hall and gym, while students can also build their fitness and measure their performance in the safety of the fitness room. Outside we have extensive playing fields, athletics facilities, jumping pits, an artificial cricket wicket, an outdoor basketball court and a floodlit artificial pitch for use in all weathers.



Design Technology

Our design technology teaching is enhanced by a host of fully-equipped facilities, including two food rooms for culinary studies, a textiles room, an electronics workshop, two resistant materials workshops, a forge, a wood preparation area, a work display area and several areas for garden design activities.



Performing Arts

Our performing arts faculty comprises of a drama studio and dance studio with barre, music performance and recording facilities and a fully-equipped film and video workspace.



Art

Our art department consists of two dedicated rooms. Both are equipped for 2D and 3D work in a variety of media, with computers and printers for the students to use. The department also has mono and linoprinting facilities and the use of a kiln for clay work, as well as glass fusion.



Study Centre

The Study Centre is a dedicated space for our students to work in a quiet environment. The Centre is open all day for students to use during break times and after school. This is particularly useful for Year 11 students preparing for exams, as well as those who may not have quiet space at home in which to complete homework and revise.



Theatre Venue

Our 220-capacity theatre is a hugely versatile space that lends itself to many uses. Its retractable seating provides a flexible space for a variety of events, from assemblies and parent/teacher meetings to guest speaker appearances.



Computer Science

Computer Science students study in three modern IT suites, each containing 32 computers to ensure every student has individual access to a range of industry standard graphics, programming and productivity software. To support students when working at home we provide them with an Office 365 account, including online storage and productivity apps.



Science

Students study science in eight modern laboratories, all of which are specifically designed for practical study. These feature a wide range of functional equipment including fume cupboards, touch screen computers and visualisers.

Broadening horizons

For all the importance we place on a rich and varied curriculum, we also know the value of pursuits outside the classroom. Rather than confine the Bishop Perowne experience to the defined boundaries of the school day, we encourage our students to make the most of the extra opportunities we strive to provide.

From afterschool sports and group activities, to trips abroad and the hosting of cultural highlights, we aim to offer a programme of activities for as wide a range of interests as possible, with the intention of fostering inclusiveness and helping our students develop into well-rounded individuals.

At Bishop Perowne we are trying to change the 3pm culture; we have made the school a place that encourages students to remain after the final bell to continue pursuing their interests.

Students of all abilities can engage in a wide variety of sporting activities for fun or competitively. Our teams and individuals can also compete against other schools to develop their skills and test themselves at various levels of competition. This participation brings them into contact with students from other schools and areas, broadens their experience and builds their confidence.

Our extra-curricular programme is varied and exciting. It is designed to give students the opportunity to explore a wide range of opportunities outside their regular classroom learning, as well as enabling them to develop and hone their personal talents. Our clubs include different styles of dance, music, art, cookery, design and technology, STEM and a variety of sports.

“ Pupils are consistently respectful to one another and staff. ”

Ofsted 2018







To expand the scope of our students' learning, we invite inspirational speakers to share their interesting and relevant life experiences. These figures come from a variety of backgrounds to give our students positive examples from all walks of life, reinforcing our principles of inclusivity and dedication.

We also showcase events and exhibitions in partnership with external groups. The school hosts an exhibition organised by the Anne Frank Trust UK, which tells the story of Anne Frank and explores themes of prejudice and discrimination. Open to students and the local community, the exhibition uses the historical perspective of the Holocaust to educate and empower young people to challenge discrimination in their own lives.

“ Leaders have transformed the school. ”
Ofsted 2018

Bishop Perowne's developing partnership with Worcester University will provide more exciting opportunities for all our students. The affiliation ensures they will be offered more favourable entrance packages for higher education at the university, and in the meantime allow them access to its resources.

These include visits to the university campus, specialist faculty education days, and time spent working with undergraduates to develop our students' educational experience.

There are few more enjoyable and effective ways to expand the horizons of our students than a school trip. We find that exposure to different people, places and cultures really serves to bring learning to life, enriching students' experiences and helping to create lasting memories.

From skiing trips in snowy mountain resorts, to visits to European cultural and historical sites, we give our students the opportunity to sample environments and cultures different to their own, opening their eyes to a world of possibilities and helping to develop their understanding, independence and sense of responsibility. The positive effect of these trips can have life-changing results; students return to school as more rounded, worldly individuals, confident of their ability to take on new challenges.

Performing Arts

When it comes to building confidence and fostering creative talent, performing arts can be a powerful tool. Bishop Perowne is recognised as a performing arts school of excellence, offering students a breadth of opportunities in a variety of disciplines.

Thanks to our state-of-the-art facilities, whether their passion is in performance or technical behind-the-scenes roles, students can explore their talent in a fun and collaborative environment.

Each February the school puts on a large-scale theatre production which draws on the abilities and teamwork of students from every year group. The company works together to produce the show and gains the challenging and hugely rewarding experience of planning and delivering a live performance to a paying audience.

For students with musical interest we have a number of options. Our instrumental practice rooms and orchestra offer the opportunity to practice and perform, while technically-minded students can benefit from two Creative Media suites which include a sound-proofed recording studio and music editing software.

Students with a passion for dance will find themselves at home in our dance studio, featuring a fully sprung floor, full technical installation for lighting and sound, ballet barre and mirrored wall.





Sport

We place great importance on the part that physical education plays in the wellbeing and development of our students. From the pursuit of excellence to the physical and social benefits that sport can provide, we offer our students a breadth of opportunity to ensure that everyone can enjoy sport, regardless of their ability.

We nurture performance, reward achievement and support participation through a wide range of curricular and extracurricular activities, all made possible by our dedicated staff and excellent facilities.

As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, students will engage in both individual activities (gym, dance and athletics) and games (rugby, basketball, hockey, netball, badminton, football, volleyball, cricket, tennis, rounders and softball).

We also encourage students to pursue their sporting interests outside lessons by providing opportunities for extracurricular individual and team pursuits. For those who wish to compete, this gives them the chance to excel in their chosen area and gain recognition for their achievements.

An extraordinary education

Bishop Perowne is more than the sum of its parts. Comprising a blend of core elements, the school derives its effectiveness from the way in which these elements interact.

While each component is an essential part of the Bishop Perowne mix, without each other their effectiveness would be greatly reduced. When in parallel, these elements combine to magnify each other's qualities, creating the ideal environment for students to thrive and reach their potential.

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The setting and achievement of high standards. Being great students.

Church of England Values

Love, compassion,
freedom, justice.
Being great people.

Support

Providing the top facilities, staff and equipment necessary for students to achieve their potential.

Opportunity

Building on a solid base of core subjects with a wealth of learning opportunities to cater for a wide range of interests and talents.

We've got a great plan and it gets results...

We are proud of the progress the school has made and of the recognition it has received, and we are glad to know we are changing lives for the better. Furthermore, we constantly monitor the performance of our students and staff to ensure standards are maintained while consistently striving for excellence.

We recognise the importance of achieving good reports – they are the official measure of how well we're doing our job - but we also know that what we do at Bishop Perowne is about more than just test marks and inspections.

Our comprehensive approach to learning is about providing students with all the ingredients necessary for them to be successful in life, including those that aren't so easily measured.

When students come to the end of their journey at Bishop Perowne, we know they leave us as well-rounded individuals who carry with them the valuable experiences they've gained here, well prepared for the next step in life, whatever that may be.

Parents and prospective students are welcome to visit us and see first-hand what the school has to offer. We're confident you'll be impressed.

For more information and to arrange a visit, call our reception on 01905 746800.



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