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A message from Principal David Shaw

A very warm welcome to Bilborough Sixth Form College! We're delighted you're thinking about coming here for the next stage in your education and taking the time to explore what we've got to offer.

Bilborough is a publicly-funded, independent, specialist Sixth Form College offering a wide range of courses and custom-made study programmes to help you progress to university, apprenticeships or employment.

Here you'll learn in an environment which is a stepping stone between school and university. Our excellent teachers and personal tutors will make sure you are supported every step of the way.

At Bilborough we'll celebrate your individuality and challenge you to excel. Later in this booklet you'll learn about our excellent progression statistics and real success stories from some of our former students.

Our open events are designed to give you all the information and advice you need to help you make the right choice for you, so please feel free to talk to any of our students and staff. They'll give you open and honest answers to any questions you might have.

We hope you'll agree that Bilborough Sixth Form College is a very special place and that you'll decide this is the place for you. We look forward to receiving your application, but don't delay too long as we have limited places. More information on how to apply is on our website and on the back of this booklet.

David Shaw
Principal

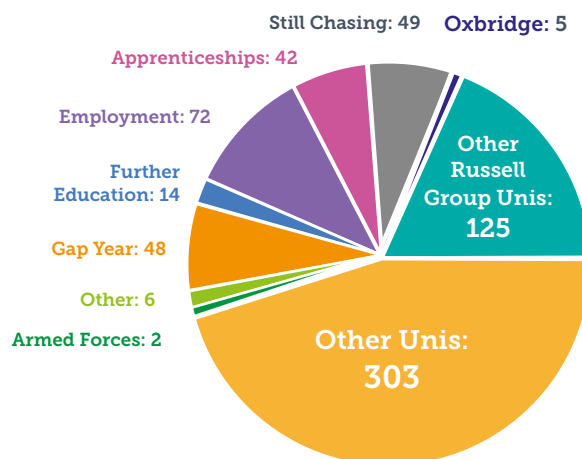
Performance and progression

Our students consistently achieve excellent results and our outstanding and unique links with universities and employers help us to support them with exceptional rates of progression to university and into employment.

Anyone applying to university receives specialist in-house support, with dedicated staff to focus on medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences, drama and theatre. Students applying to Oxford or Cambridge are supported by our dedicated Oxbridge Tutor.

In 2018, 65% of our students went to university with 20% of these going to prestigious Russell Group universities.

Number of students:



A bit more about the courses we offer...

A-Levels

Most students opting for A-Levels choose to study 3 subjects, but some students will take 4 depending on their aptitude and preferences.

Alternatively, A-Levels can be combined with other level 3 qualifications, such as BTECs, to create a full time programme of study.

We will always provide advice and support at the summer induction and then again at enrolment and in the first few weeks at the start of term – just to make sure you're happy and on the right course.

Other Level 3 qualifications


The BTEC Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A-Levels) is a full programme of study and cannot be combined with A-Levels. Alternatively, a BTEC Subsidiary Diploma or a BTEC Extended Certificate (both equivalent to 1 A level) can be combined with up to 3 other qualifications.

Want to know more about our BTEC offer? Drop into the Information Hub in main reception to have your general questions answered or visit the departments if you want to know more about a particular subject.

Virtually any combination of A Levels - your choice!

Want to study maths, chemistry and dance? You can at Bilborough! We're happy to meet your requests for subject combinations... no matter how unusual!

For a detailed list of the courses we offer, refer to our prospectus or website.



Teaching and learning at Bilborough

Our class sizes allow for a good mix of group work and attention to individual needs. Our supervised quiet study areas and student social spaces are well-used, adding to the 'mini-university' atmosphere so many of our visitors and students detect.

You'll find a supportive, friendly environment at Bilborough that's fully-equipped for learning. Our purpose-built accommodation offers specialist teaching facilities and the very latest technologies.

Our students tell us Bilborough Sixth Form College really feels like a halfway house between school and university or work – a place where we'll help and support you as you develop into an effective, independent learner.

98% of students would recommend Bilborough College to a friend

Source: Ofsted learner view, September 2016



Moodle

A classroom in your pocket

Every subject has its own Moodle intranet page where students can find course information, homework tasks, handouts, presentations, further reading and much more! It can be accessed anytime, anywhere – it's a classroom in your pocket!

Reaching your full potential

We have high expectations for you! We monitor your progress closely, challenging and supporting you to ensure you have the best chance of reaching your full potential.

In fact some of our students participate in annual Maths and Science Olympiads and other competitive scenarios to extend their learning.

You will be assigned a Personal Tutor whose role is dedicated to supporting you. You will meet with them weekly, but they are available throughout the week if you need them.

You will also be offered extra help from your subject teachers if ever you need it.

Nepal 2019



Pupils in Nepal are enjoying meals at their primary school for the first time thanks to a group of students and staff from Bilborough College.



Twenty-eight students and staff spent two weeks in Nepal this summer and before setting off they raised £4,780, with the support of a local charity, to pay for the construction of a new school kitchen at a local primary school.

Previously, children at the school were not given meals and often struggled to concentrate or fainted in lessons due to the lack of food.

The group also painted, decorated and furnished the kitchen as well as landscaping the school site and decorating a classroom for children with special needs. They are also planning to fund school meals for the next year.

Alice North, 17, said she felt proud of the work that students had done at the school.

She said: "We had been told that some of the children at the school were passing out due to exhaustion because they hadn't had anything to eat or often they would have to go home to eat. We were told that for every £1 they could feed 13 children so we are planning to help them feed the children for a year. We got a lot done when we were at the school and the opening ceremony they held for the kitchen was lovely. They were so grateful. The whole trip was so rewarding, it was also humbling and inspiring. I think we had a massive effect on the school, which is amazing."

2019 was another positive year for our Oxbridge applicants, with 12 successful applications - more than double compared to last year!

Our dedicated Oxbridge co-ordinator helps with the particular demands of the admissions process. Through masterclasses, taster days, open days and summer schools. Our co-ordinator supports our students with their applications and develops their self-belief - ensuring that we continually raise aspirations, so that they're fully able to achieve everything they're capable of.

Our Oxbridge co-ordinator works closely with our independent careers adviser and personal tutors.

A total of twelve of our students took up their places at Oxbridge in autumn 2019.

Recent stories

from 2019



Students Milan Campion, Tilly Wring and Maeve Brittle from Beeston all achieved top results and are now off to either Oxford or Cambridge to study Geography.

The trio, who all went to the same primary and secondary schools and live close by to each other, all achieved A* in Geography.

Maeve Brittle (18) will be attending St Catharine's College at Cambridge after achieving A* in Geography and English Literature and A in French. She said: "Bilborough has been really supportive in helping us all through the application process - they could not have done more."

"I was really excited to get the offer to Cambridge so to open my results and find I had what I needed to get in was such a relief."

Tilly Wring (18) achieved three A* in Politics, Geography and English Literature and is heading to Corpus Christi College at Cambridge.

She said: "During my GCSEs I was very nervous but I've felt a lot more level headed and confident during my A-Levels. They were tough, particularly some of the three and a half hour exams but I've enjoyed my summer knowing I'd genuinely done the best I could."

“I was really excited to get the offer to Cambridge so to open my results and find I had what I needed to get in was such a relief.”

"I wasn't expecting to see three A* but I felt I had done well. I'm very much looking forward to going to Cambridge but have to say I've loved it at Bilborough and made great friends."

Milan Campion (18) will be attending Hertford College at Oxford University after achieving three A* in Geography, History and Economics.

He said: "It was great to be working alongside people going through the same thing and all going through the same application process."

"I was confident I had done well but you put a lot of pressure on yourself to do well - in my Economics exam I was so nervous my hand was shaking so much I couldn't write."

"It was a great surprise to see three A* when I opened my results but I have to say we had great support and were really well prepared by our teachers. I'm looking forward now to going to Oxford and seeing what it is really like and whether it is really like everyone says."

Careers

With specially trained careers advisers on site throughout the week and our annual on-site Careers and Higher Education Fair, you too will be helped to take the smartest possible route to achieving your dreams!



Adam and Thomas Kavanagh Long Eaton

Twins Adam and Thomas both achieved top grades but will be going to the opposite ends of the country to go to university.

Adam achieved A* in Maths, A in Chemistry and Computing and C in Music and is going to study Chemistry at Oxford.

He said: "I knew I'd got in this morning when I checked UCAS online and I can't wait to go and experience the teaching and it's quite exciting to know you're going to be taught by world class academics.

"Bilborough has really made me want to aim high and achieve and we had great support through the whole Oxbridge application process and it has been a really great experience for both of us.

"We're now going our separate ways, me three hours south and Thomas two hours north. I think we both just want to do our own thing and have that sense of independence."

Brother Thomas will be going to Durham to study Engineering after achieving A* in Maths and A in Maths, Geography and Physics.

He said: "I wasn't too nervous today and felt quietly confident. I actually didn't do as well as I'd hoped but I got the results I needed. I'm really looking forward to going to Durham and getting involved in the societies as well as the course.

"There is always a little bit of friendly competition between me and Adam so it was nice to get slightly better results than him as he beat me at GCSE."



Reuben Tendler Beeston

Reuben received A* in Music and Geography and A in Politics and is going to Oxford to study Music.

Reuben, who plays the French Horn, is a member of the

Nottingham Youth Orchestra and also led the Bilborough College orchestra.

He said: "I've always been involved in music from an early age and love to play but also in the composition side. My mum is a music teacher and I've been part of orchestras so I'm looking forward to taking that further now in my degree.

"I wasn't initially considering Oxford but I knew a few people who were and after attending an interview I really enjoyed it and wanted to go there. I'm looking forward to working with lots of different musicians and playing other people's music."



Elisha Roberts Nottingham

Elisha secured a place at Cambridge University after achieving three A* grades in Spanish, German and History A-Level.

Her A* in German is all the more impressive as she only started studying the subject at

A-Level when she came to Bilborough.

She said: "I was hoping and needing to get at least two A* but after I'd finished my exams I'd convinced myself I hadn't done enough, so when I opened my results it was a really big surprise.

"I love languages and wanted to study both Spanish and German - even though I'd not done German at GCSE. I had to start the class on a trial basis at first and just continued. Actually it was History that I found the most difficult in the end.

"I'm really looking forward to going to Cambridge to study languages further - it's a great place to go and study."

Elisha has spent part of her summer break putting her language skills to good use by helping to teach migrants English in Spain. She added: "It was an amazing experience. It was a good way to learn more Spanish by speaking to people in their own language and also helping others."

Elisha will now go on to study Modern and Medieval Languages at Cambridge.



Shatyma Anderson Nottingham

Shatyma is going on to study English Language at Birmingham City University despite having to cope with the death of her Mum, Jennifer, from breast cancer during her A-Levels.

Shatyma took A-Levels in English Language, Psychology and PE, and said it was a very difficult time.

"I had a week off but then I went back to college because I knew that the more time I took off the worse position I would be in. Everyone at college was very supportive, especially my Psychology teacher, she was really supportive and took my situation into consideration. It was hard to carry on doing my A-levels but I knew that I just had to do it. I hope that other students who are perhaps facing a struggle doing their exams for whatever reasons realise that you can get through them."

Shatyma said that collecting her results felt bitter sweet. She added: "My mum was the first person I rang when I picked up my GCSEs so today feels very different.

"She knew that I wanted to teach English Language and she was always pushing me towards that. She was my biggest supporter and was always proud of me.

"She motivated me and bragged about me and my achievements. I did this for myself but for her too."

Shatyma is now going onto study English Language and hopes to be an English teacher.



Supporting you

The college has an outstanding reputation for supporting students and helping them to overcome potential barriers to their learning.

Our Learning Support service is offered to students with a disability, a health problem or those who feel they need help with their course. We also have a Wellbeing Coach, Welfare Officer and Counsellors at college.

Talk to our Learning Support team if you need any advice on the support available, you'll find them near the main entrance.

Equality and diversity

We aim to ensure that students, their parents or carers, staff and visitors are treated with dignity and respect regardless of their age, disability, gender, pregnancy or maternity status, marriage or civil partnership status, race religion or belief, sexuality or transgender status.

The college strives to create a teaching and learning environment that is free from discrimination and actively celebrates diversity.

Notes

Where to find...

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C3	Physics, Electronics	B3	Design & Technology, Media Studies, Film Studies, Welcome Talks in B3.07	A3	Photography, Dance, Performing Arts
C2	Chemistry, Biology, Science	B2	IT, Computing, The Library (LIC - Learning Information Centre), Sociology	A2	Art, French, German, Spanish
C1	Maths, Ethics & Philosophy, Psychology	B1	Public Services Main Entrance INFO HUB*, Bilborough Extra	A1	Business Studies, Economics, Bridge to Sports Centre (PE & Sport)
C0	Geography, History, English Language & Literature, Politics, Law, Criminology	B0	The Refectory, Vending Machines	A0	Music, Music Technology, Drama & Theatre Studies

Lifts and stairs are located between A/B and B/C blocks. **Stairs** are also at each end of the building.

Don't Miss! Welcome Talks take place throughout the event, talk to the team on reception for details. In need of refreshment? Drop into **Costa Coffee** in the main foyer! **Vending machines** in B block lower ground floor & in the Sports Centre.

***INFO HUB:** Reception, Student Support, Bus Info, Tutors, Additional Learning Support, BTEC overview, and Bilborough Xtra.

2020 applications now open! It's time to apply NOW to secure your place!

Some students missed out on a place this September, even though they had the entry qualifications, because our places had all gone to students who had applied earlier. Apply online via the college website or if paper's your thing, ask us for an application form!

Want to know more about applications?
Our Welcome Team on reception can help!



Any questions? Talk to a member of staff today or ask one of our student helpers.



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