
BULLERS
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SCHOOL



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

WELCOME

Bullers Wood School Sixth Form provides an outstanding, exciting and holistic education based on traditional values and a warm friendly ethos which are at the core of all that we do. Parallel to this is the hard work of our students and staff, supported by parents and carers. Our students' achievements over many years are a testament to this – demonstrated in their impressive academic results, their many and varied successes in extra-curricular fields and their personal qualities.



In recent years a large percentage of A-levels taken have been passed at grades A*, A and B, placing us higher than many local schools. We were graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2011 and the School has gone on from strength to strength in many ways since then. There is an extensive range of courses on offer, including applied as well as the more traditional qualifications. Our teachers' excellent subject knowledge empowers and enhances students' enjoyment of learning. We are particularly proud that Ofsted commented that the quality of teaching in our Sixth Form is such that it motivates students to 'think for themselves and take responsibility for their learning'.

Our Sixth Form is led exceptionally well; a relentless focus on improvement ensures that all students have every opportunity to achieve their best outcomes. We ensure that the monitoring of students' progress is frequent, rigorous and highly effective. In all subject areas, specific learning targets for improvement are regularly set and fully understood by our students. Additionally, we provide excellent support and guidance for students to help them move on to the next stage of their lives, be it university, employment or training. The majority of our students secure their first choice in relation to progression beyond school, be that university – including Oxbridge and Russell Group – further education, employment or training. Furthermore, in recent years an increasing number of students have been successful in securing prestigious (and well paid!) apprenticeships.

The vast majority of students who join in Year 7 stay on to our Sixth Form. In addition we welcome boys and girls from other schools, who always settle in very well. This is the result of our excellent pastoral care system, which ensures that each student is happy, cared for and known by the staff. Students thoroughly enjoy their studies, support each other well in lessons and collaborate effectively. Their personal development is outstanding, helped by the wide range of enrichment activities available. Ofsted commented that our Sixth Form students are 'highly positive role models who make an admirable contribution to the community through their work with younger students, both in the main school and local primary schools, and through their numerous fundraising activities'.

Our students benefit from a range of extra-curricular activities and visits abroad including an annual Ski Trip and opportunities to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are a range of subject related trips, for example foreign exchange trips as well as those to the USA to study American History and Politics, to Iceland to study Geography, and a visit to the Hadron Collider in Cern with the Physics Department. The more adventurous travel further afield on World Challenge expeditions to Mongolia and Malaysia.

We look forward to you visiting us to see for yourselves what our school has to offer.

TERRY MILLAR
HEAD TEACHER

INTRODUCTION

Choosing the right type of Sixth Form is one of the most important decisions you will ever have to make. Whether joining us from Year 11, or coming to Bullers Wood School from elsewhere, we can guarantee you an exciting and academically rewarding two years.

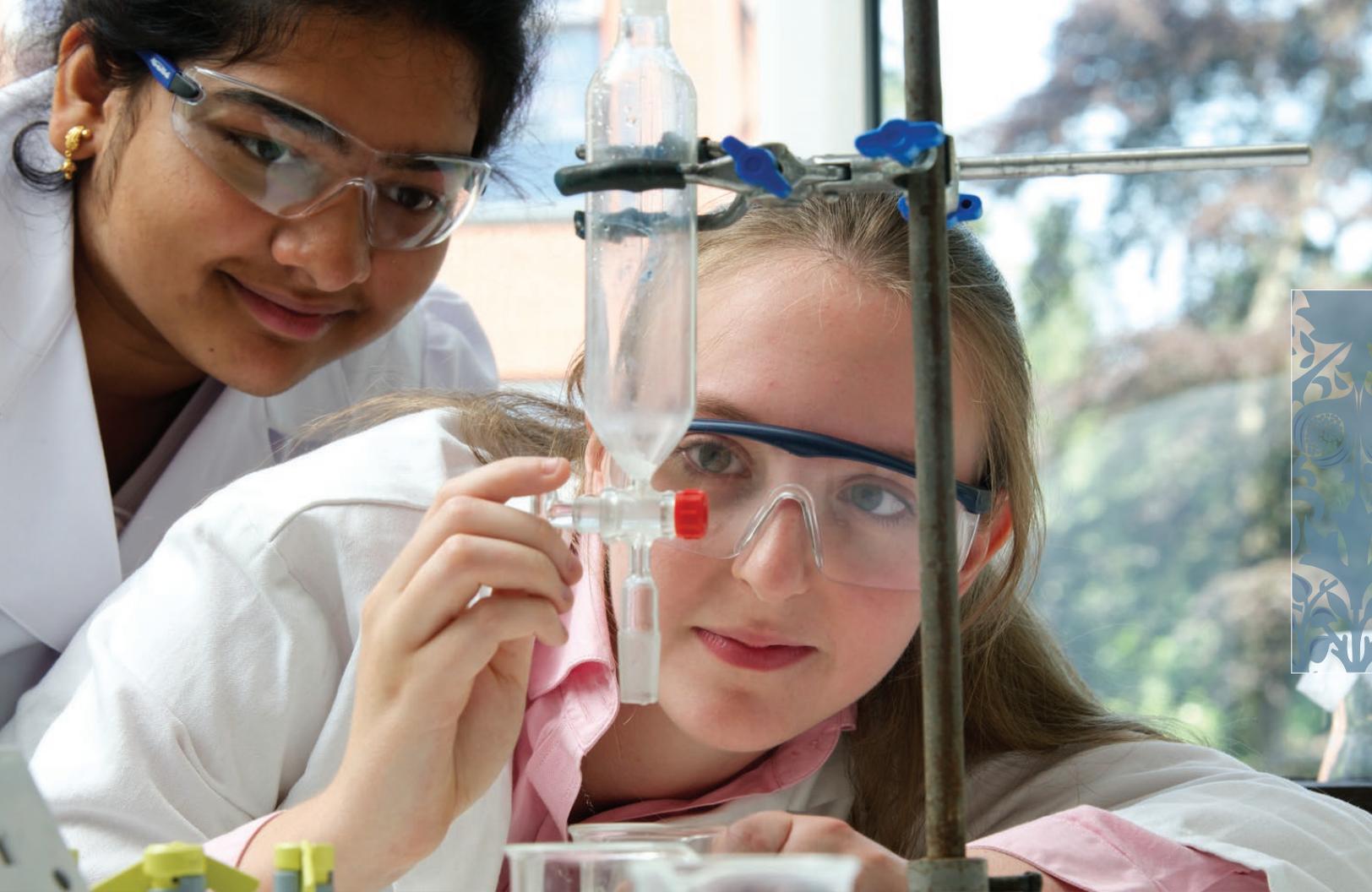


We are a highly successful Sixth Form and pride ourselves on our excellent academic successes and on the support and guidance we give all our students to maximise their academic potential. We offer students an extensive choice of academic courses with some degree of flexibility. Our examination results reflect our achievement and Bullers Wood students are successful in securing places on some of the most popular courses at highly competitive universities, with many gaining places at a Russell Group university.

Our large Sixth Form provides a wide range of course choices to enable every student to study the right combination of subjects and qualifications to suit their future aspirations. We offer a holistic approach to education and aim to provide students with not only excellent academic qualifications, but also a wealth of experiences and the confidence and resilience to be independent and face the challenges life will bring. We encourage personal development and help students to acquire new skills and pursue personal interests. We provide opportunities to develop leadership potential and to contribute to the wider school community. We recognise the individual qualities and aspirations of our students, and we do our utmost to make sure that we elicit the true potential in everyone.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of what life at Bullers Wood Sixth Form is like. We look forward to receiving an application from you.

YVETTE BELLIS
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER
DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM



INNOVATION & ACHIEVEMENT

Life in the Sixth Form at Bullers Wood is challenging and exciting. Our students can focus on the subjects they have chosen and enjoy learning independently in an academic and creative environment. Our teachers will support, motivate and inspire them every step of the way throughout their time in the Sixth Form and foster the skills and grades they need to succeed beyond the classroom.

The Bullers Wood ethos of high expectations extends to our Sixth Form where we encourage our students to achieve the very best results creatively and academically and make the most of their abilities.



INSPIRATION & CREATIVITY

We encourage creativity throughout Bullers Wood, and nowhere more so than the Sixth Form where students thrive in an environment that nurtures, inspires and challenges them to think creatively.

Bullers Wood is a warm and friendly school with a supportive pastoral team that encourages personal development. As our students become young adults, they are given many opportunities to contribute to the wider school community as they develop their skills and the confidence to prepare for life beyond school.

There are many opportunities for our students to develop their skills. Each year, the students stage a Fashion Show and lead the staff/student Christmas Production. They perform at local retirement homes and our political events and debates such as the mock EU Referendum and Question Time with politicians help strengthen their public speaking skills and sense of citizenship. Student led initiatives are encouraged; recently students have set up an African and Caribbean Society and a boys' Rugby team.

The supportive environment is reinforced by the Sixth Form Student Council and our Listening Ear mentoring programme for younger students which brings out the best in our students and helps them achieve their potential in every aspect of their lives.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Every year we encourage our students to aim high and we are proud of the many young people who go on to university, further education or straight into a career. Here at Bullers Wood, students learn to love learning for its own sake and that prepares them for a successful life after Sixth Form.

We are ambitious for every student and our teachers help them to develop the dynamic skills and independence they will need to thrive once they leave us. We work hard to prepare them for the needs of an ever-changing world of work.

Our excellent A Level results speak for themselves and students who plan to apply for the top universities – including Oxford and Cambridge – are encouraged and challenged to develop their goals with confidence.

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DESTINATIONS

The impressive A level results in 2019 have had a direct impact on the destinations of our students. 165 students went to university or Art College, around a quarter were placed at a Russell Group university. Alongside these there are so many examples of exceptional individual achievement – we are proud of them all.

The students are supported throughout the two years in the sixth form to ensure they receive the right guidance and advice. There are a number of information evenings held throughout the two years for parents and students including: a Careers and Higher Education evening held in the spring term with talks from careers advisors, a university and Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication; a UCAS convention in the Spring term; a trip to a university for all Year 12 students, and the opportunity for students to attend a series of taster days, master classes and widening participation schemes held across all universities. All students are registered with Unifrog, a careers tool which at all times contains a comprehensive set of every university course, and every Apprenticeship vacancy, in the UK. There is also a Parents' UCAS Survival Guide evening and a three-day calendar of events on careers and UCAS for all Year 12 students. In the October half term there is series of talks given to Year 13 students by an admissions tutor at Imperial College and a series of one-to-one interviews for students applying to competitive courses where an interview is part of the admissions process. Art students are invited to attend the Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication summer school and there are a series of talks by admissions tutors from a number of London Art Colleges.

For students who do not wish to go to university there are a number of events held throughout the two years that are tailored for individual needs. The school's Career Advisors offer students individual career interviews and work experience placements. They also deliver workshops on alternatives to university offering guidance on Apprenticeships, School Leavers' programmes, writing an effective CV and letter of application, and interview techniques. Furthermore the students are encouraged to use MyCareerSpringboard (an online questionnaire).



PARTNERSHIPS

We work closely with a number of universities including Mansfield College, University of Oxford, Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge, Goldsmiths College, University of London, Imperial College, London, Queen Mary's University London, University College London, King's College London, the Royal Academy of Arts, UCA Rochester and Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication.

We have a designated Russell Group Coordinator who supports our most able students through the application process to the most competitive courses in the country. Students have participated in a number of widening participation programmes offered by universities, such as the Goldsmiths Progression scheme, K+, uni-link, Realising Opportunities scheme, Oxbridge and Sutton Trust summer schools, and have attended university Master Classes. We are registered with IGGY, an organisation designed to help gifted and talented young people aged 13-18 to realise their full potential. IGGY is supported by Warwick University and is a no fee global educational social network.

We are a Beacon school for FutureLearn and as such a number of our students are able to prepare for university study by completing MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) offered by some of the top universities in the country.

Students are also offered the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) and complete the course with the support of Goldsmiths College, University of London. Students often gain an A* in this qualification, which is highly regarded by university admissions tutors.

We are fortunate to have an extensive portfolio of Work Experience placements from a wide range of employers such as local primary schools, graphic design companies and care homes for the elderly. We work with employers such as Baker Tilly, KPMG and t! Magazine. We also work closely with the Bromley Education Business Partnership to support students who are seeking alternatives to university.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The Sixth Form team are formed of highly experienced staff with a proven track record of offering first class pastoral care and academic guidance and support. The team comprises a Deputy Headteacher, an Assistant Headteacher (who is the Director of Sixth Form), two Heads of Year responsible for a year group each, and a KS5 Academic Progress Coordinator. Furthermore each student is assigned a Form Tutor. The team are supported by a KS5 Learning Mentor, three Sixth Form Study Supervisors, a Sixth Form Administrator and an Attendance Officer.



“THE PROACTIVE WORK OF THE PASTORAL TEAM IS VERY EFFECTIVE IN ENSURING VULNERABLE STUDENTS ARE WELL PROVIDED FOR.”

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“At the end of my GCSEs, if you had told me I’d be applying to some of the most academically competitive universities two years later, I would not have believed you. However, joining Bullers Wood has made this possible. The quality of teaching and the Sixth Form’s emphasis on discipline, time management and independent learning has allowed me to make substantial academic progress.”



PAPA OBENG

Philosophy, Religious Studies, Geography

“Bullers Wood Sixth Form is an accepting, safe, formal environment which I experienced in the first few months of going to this school. As a new student to the school I found the change in environment to be incredibly revitalising and this had a positive impact on my confidence. This led to me being nominated as Head Student, as well as Chair of the Pride Youth Network.”



LOUIS GODDARD-GLEN

Philosophy, English Literature, German

“I came to the school with a passion for Drama which has been thoroughly fulfilled here at Bullers Wood. I have been given so many opportunities within the subject, including leading the school Drama Club and starring in school productions. I am currently studying for a Performance Certificate with the London Academy of Dramatic Arts. I believe the academic and creative excellence which staff support us to achieve is unparalleled



CHARLOTTE STOREY

Drama, English Literature, History

“Studying Health & Social Care BTEC has inspired my chosen profession of Nursing. As part of my course, I completed extensive work experience. This certainly improved my interpersonal skills and confidence. I feel well prepared for the challenges and opportunities I am sure to face in Nursing.”



ETHEL MESANGO

Health and Social Care, Media Studies, Sociology

“During my time at Bullers Wood I have experienced endless support. I have been here since Year 7 and the good advice and help I have received from teachers has truly helped me to discover my passions in life and helped me get to where I am today. I will be forever grateful to the community here at Bullers Wood School.”



EVE MORRIS-CLARKE

Biology, Mathematics, History

“The support of Bullers Wood throughout my time at school, and particularly during sixth form, undoubtedly contributed to my invitation to interview at The University of Oxford. The school held a competitive universities information evening as well as mock interviews, which enabled me to gain an insight into the questions that could potentially be asked and made the real interview process a lot less daunting. The school also supported with the implementation of the popular African and Caribbean Society, set up by my friends.”



TEMI LAWAL

Government and Politics, History, English Literature



COURSES OFFERED 2020-22

A LEVEL

Art

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Computer Science

Dance

Design and Technology: Product Design

Design and Technology: Textiles

Drama & Theatre Studies

Economics

English Language

English Literature

French

Geography

German

Government and Politics

History

Italian

Mathematics

Mathematics (Further)

Media Studies

Music

Philosophy

Photography

Physical Education

Physics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

Spanish

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Art & Design BTEC National Extended Certificate – Fashion
Business – BTEC National Extended Certificate

Creative Digital Media Production – BTEC National
Extended Certificate

Food Science and Nutrition – WJEC Diploma

Health & Social Care – BTEC National Extended Certificate

Medical Science – WJEC Diploma

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Duke of Edinburgh Award

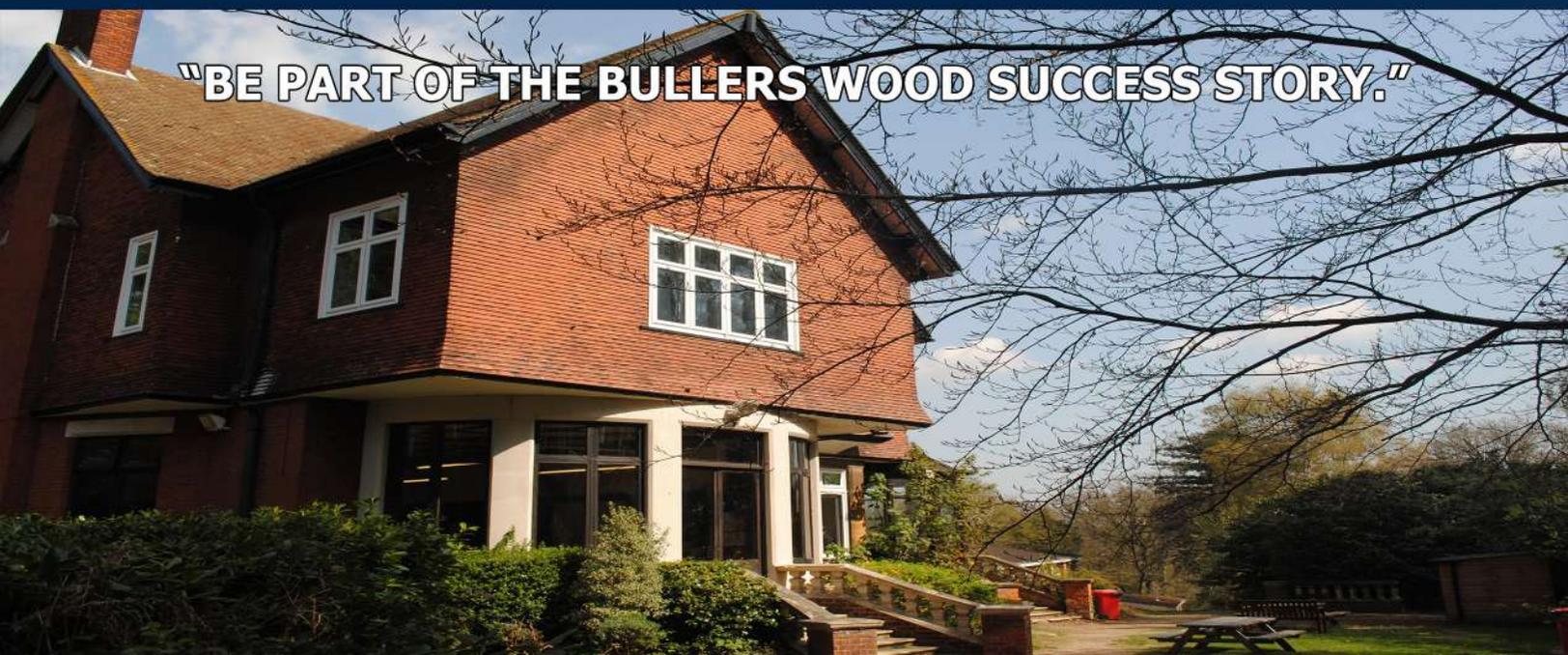
EPQ – Extended Project Qualification

IFS Personal Finance – Institute of Financial Services

LAMDA – London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts

Maths in Context (Level 3 Core Maths)

"BE PART OF THE BULLERS WOOD SUCCESS STORY."



ENRICHMENT

We have an extensive range of extra and super curricular activities that we can offer our students. These activities are designed to broaden and enrich your Sixth Form experience.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Eton Summer School
- Field Trips and study trips abroad
- FutureLearn MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses)
- Goldsmiths Progression Scheme
- IGGY
- King's College London K+ Scheme
- MyCareerSpringboard
- Russell Group programme
- Sutton Trust Summer Schools
- UCAS Convention
- Uni-Frog
- Uni-link UCL
- University Master Classes
- VESPA
- World Challenge

EXTRA AND SUPER CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Community Service
- Dance Club
- Drama Productions
- Fashion Show
- Film Club
- Fund Raising: UK Charities and the Mountain Trust
- In-Class Support
- Life Drawing
- Listening Ear
- Mentoring
- NCS – National Citizen Service
- Orchestras, Bands and Choir
- School Council
- Sixth Form Prom
- Societies: African and Caribbean, Debating, History, Law, Medicine, Science
- Sports: wide variety of Sports on offer
- Summer and Christmas Fayre
- Theatre trips
- Extensive Work Experience provision



“THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IS OUTSTANDING. THE WIDE RANGE OF ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE ENHANCES STUDENTS’ ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.”

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR IN SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS?

We want to attract school-minded young women and men, who will embrace our school motto *Quod Potes Tenta* (Strive to Your Utmost) and make the most of all the opportunities that Bullers Wood Sixth Form offers.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Once you have chosen your courses and checked your predicted grades against the specific course entry criteria, you should complete the application online. The application form and course information can be found on the school website.

We are a heavily oversubscribed Sixth Form. The most popular courses fill very quickly so submit your application early to avoid disappointment. The deadline for completing the online applications is shown on the 'Applying to Sixth Form' page on the School's website. Applications received after this date will be considered and may be placed on a waiting list.

WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD I CHOOSE?

Choosing the right sixth form and the right courses are the most difficult decisions you will have to make so far. Choosing which course to take is your decision, not your parents', not your teachers' or your friends', but yours. Do your research to ensure you are doing the right courses for your chosen career path or degree.

The UCAS website and the Russell Group Informed Choices website are excellent places to start.

If you are not sure what you want to do when you leave school, choose courses where you are most likely to succeed. Choose courses you are likely to enjoy. You won't want to do the hard work required if you are not interested in or enjoying the subject you are studying.

There are some subjects that complement each other such as Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics/Biology/Chemistry. But they can be standalone choices unless you want to do a degree course in Engineering or Medicine for example.

If you choose this school you will get lots of first-class advice from a highly experienced sixth form team with an excellent track record for giving students support and guidance through this process to ensure you fulfil your ambitions after you have left Bullers Wood School.

CAN I STUDY A COMBINATION OF A LEVEL SUBJECTS WITH BTEC SUBJECTS?

Yes - some of our students prefer to take a combination of A Level and BTEC courses. We will offer you guidance and support to ensure you are taking courses that are tailored to your needs and your aspirations.

WHAT SUPPORT IS THERE IF MY FAMILY FACES FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES?

We proactively encourage and support all eligible students to apply for Free School Meals and the 16-19 Bursary.

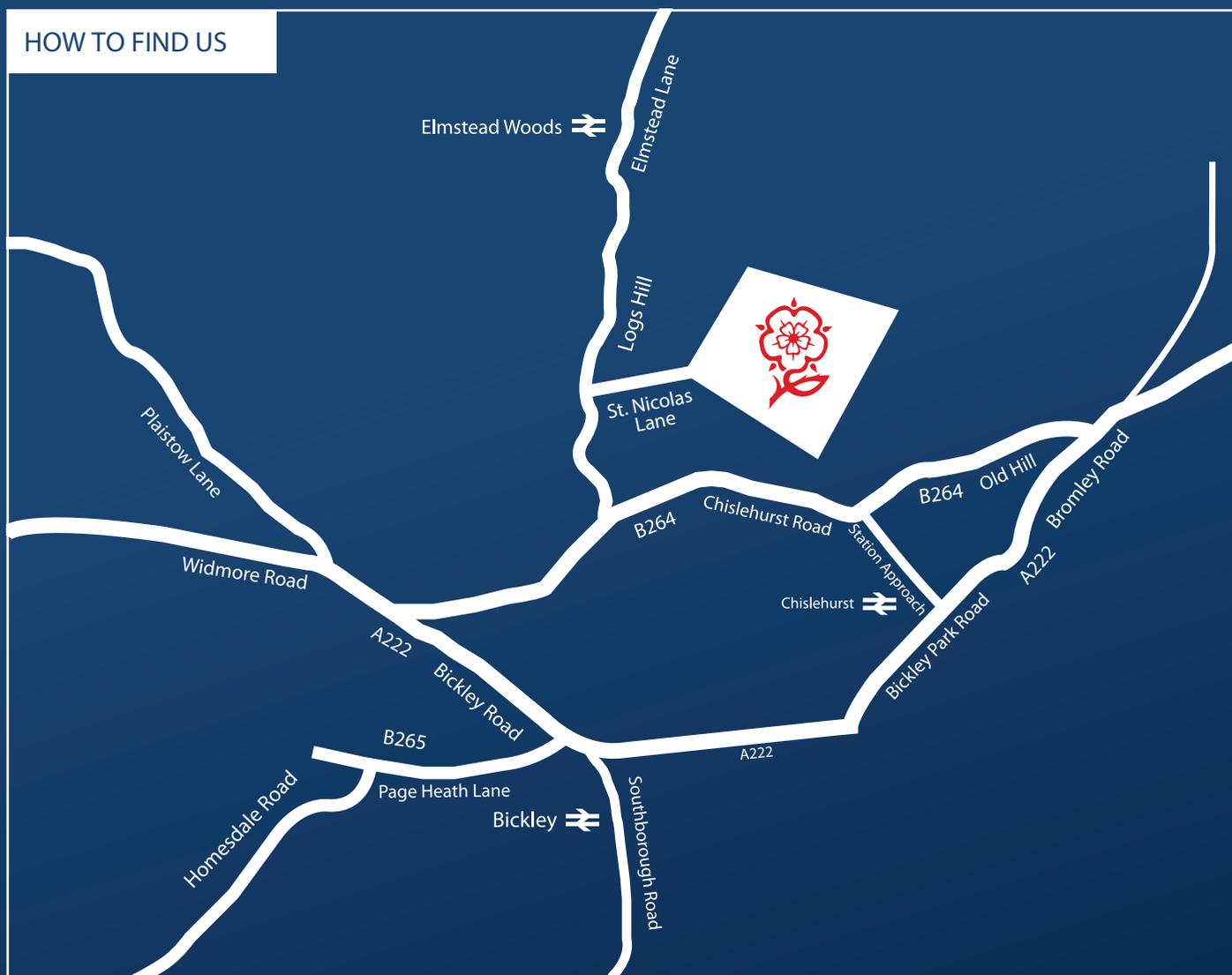


“STUDENTS ARE HIGHLY POSITIVE ROLE MODELS. THEY MAKE AN ADMIRABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR WORK WITH YOUNGER STUDENTS, BOTH IN THE MAIN SCHOOL AND LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS, AND THROUGH THEIR NUMEROUS FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES.”

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