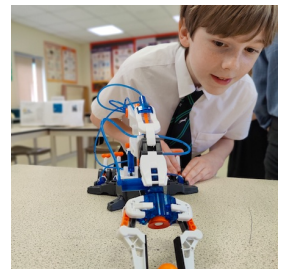


BRADON FOREST SCHOOL

Every student matters, every moment counts



2023/2024



WELCOME TO BRADON FOREST SCHOOL

Bradon Forest School is set in the rural village of Purton near Swindon, surrounded by stunning Wiltshire countryside. This gives us the perfect backdrop to focus on providing an excellent all-round education as well as nurturing students' individual talents and strengths.





We have been educating young people for over 50 years and are committed to developing highly successful, fully rounded individuals ready to take their place in the world.

At Bradon Forest, we provide a caring, creative and purposeful environment in which your child can feel supported. We challenge students both academically and through extra-curricular activities to be great learners. We strive to develop confident young adults who show both respect and resilience and who have high aspirations for their futures.

As part of the Athelstan Trust, Bradon Forest School is committed to collaboration and developing supportive networks that improve the education of all of our students.



Sarah Haines, Headteacher

OUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Our curriculum ensures all our students receive a rich, broad and balanced education. We promote children's spiritual, cultural, mental and physical development, preparing them for the responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

Our 2023 Ofsted inspection praised our curriculum, stating that *“Pupils at Bradon Forest benefit from a good quality of education. Leaders have strengthened the school curriculum.” - Ofsted 2023.*

Tutors provide regular academic mentoring to guide personal progression, allowing students to push themselves further or seek additional support if needed. Personal wellbeing is an important part of school life and our dedicated pastoral team are a valuable resource for students.

Five years at Bradon Forest sets a student in good stead for their future and opens the door to many different opportunities. We have a strong focus on 21st Century workplace skills such as teamwork, adaptability and creativity. Our offer now extends to Sixth-Form provision where we work in conjunction with Malmesbury School to offer the very best Post-16 'A' Level environment.





WE ARE GREAT
LEARNERS



On entry to Bradon Forest our varied curriculum enables students to explore a range of skills and activities, preparing them well for GCSE studies and enriching their knowledge and abilities. Year 7, 8 and 9 students follow a range of courses including English, Maths, Science, PE, Music, Design Technology, Art, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages, Religious Studies, Drama, ICT/Computing and Personal Development.

Behaviour in lessons is excellent and the 2023 Ofsted inspection pointed towards the fact that *“Pupils behave well and calmly before school and at social times. They greet staff and other pupils pleasantly and respectfully.”*

Rather than perceiving the curriculum to be divided between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4, we see Years 7-11 as a continuum that helps students progress to further education, training and employment.

We offer a broad range of subjects at Key Stage 4 including Sociology, Horticulture and Business Studies. Throughout their time with us, students learn skills which help support their studies up to GCSE level.

Regular examinations help students prepare for GCSE level of study. The annual practice at this level highlights the importance of revision, consolidates learning and helps students develop their own examination techniques.

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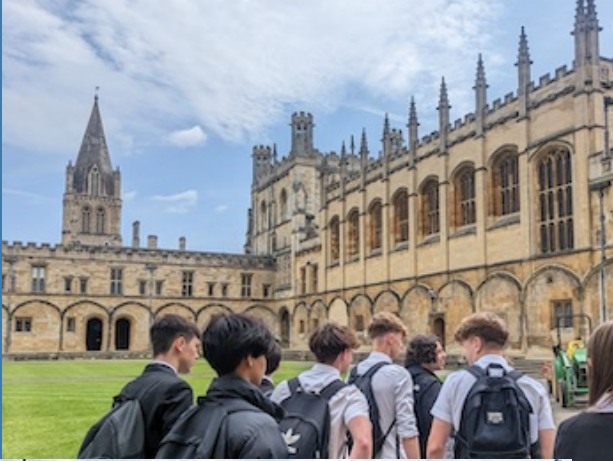
Education is more than just academic success. Our vision is to provide students with a holistic education.

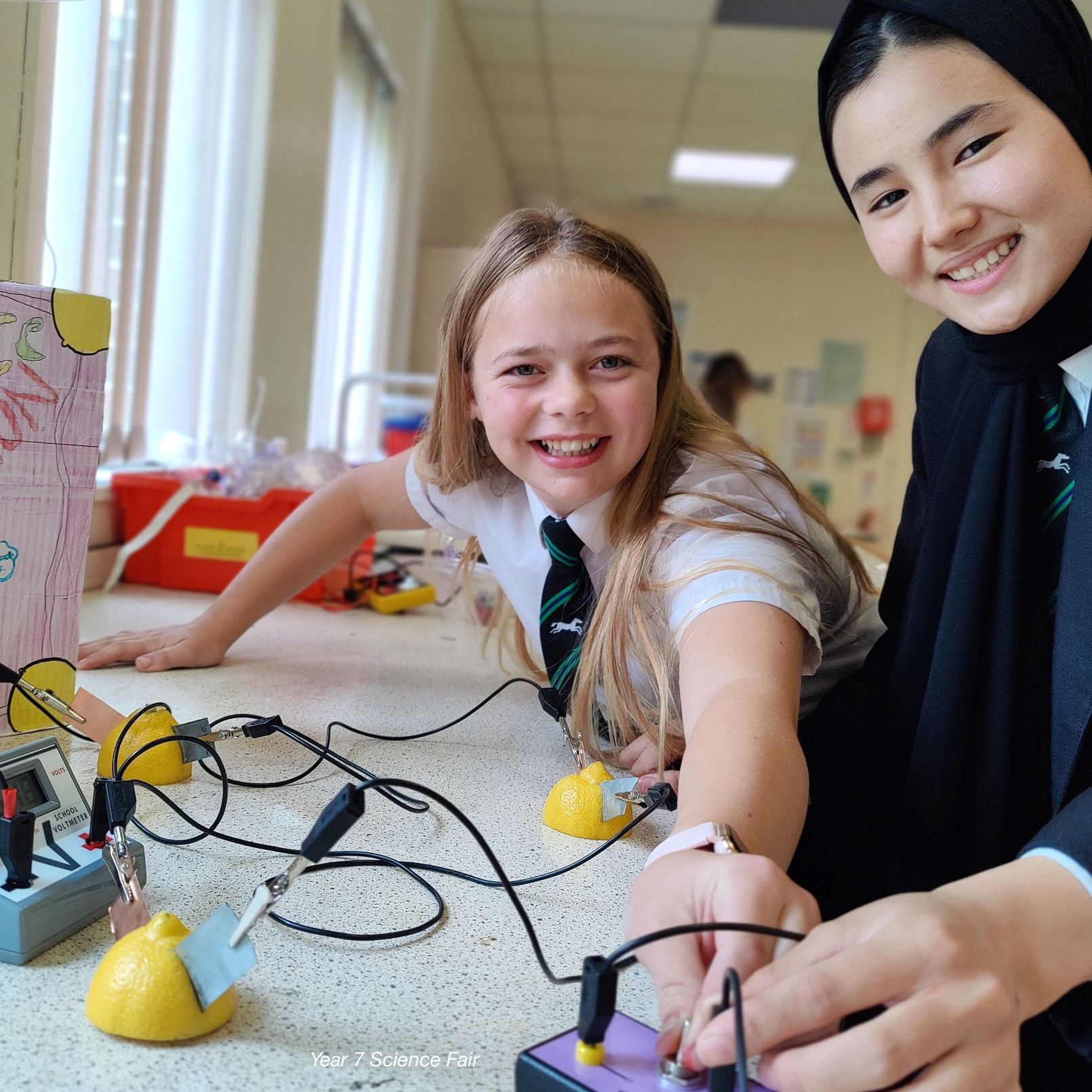
We host a variety of day and residential trips, excursions, competitions, guest lectures, workshops and short courses every year. We inspire and motivate students by allowing them to learn both inside and outside the classroom.

Enrichment activities include: Oxbridge lectures, Bake-Off and Sewing Bee, whole school musicals, cross-Trust Maths challenges, BMX coaching... and many more exciting events!

"Pupils have recently enjoyed visits from a range of organisations. These have included workshops on progressive masculinity and diversity." - Ofsted 2023

We also have an incredibly successful Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. The DofE gives young people the chance to try something out of their comfort zone, push themselves mentally and physically and have amazing new experiences. They build confidence, resilience, skills for work and new friendship groups. Students have a brilliant time doing it!





Year 7 Science Fair

WE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

We have a great range of leadership roles available to all students. For example, at the end of Year 9 students can apply to be Prefects and those selected undergo specialist training ready to help and support Year 6 pupils during our Induction Days and in their first year at Bradon Forest.

Senior Prefects selected at the end of Year 10 attend bespoke in-house training where students take part in various activities including: team building exercises and communication/dilemma games. Junior Prefects are selected at the end of Year 8 and have the opportunity to work with younger students and assist with open events.

A small group of Senior Prefects are selected by application and interview to become the Student Leadership Team. Head Students are chosen from this group. The Student Leadership Team regularly meet with the Headteacher and Governors and have the opportunity to discuss school policy and represent the views of the student body.

A key aspect of our leadership programme is that students across all year groups work together. This encourages empathy, mutual respect and empowers them to develop into positive role models.

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- A photograph of three students in school uniforms standing in front of a brick building. The student on the left is a girl with long brown hair, wearing a dark blazer, white shirt, and blue and green striped tie. The student in the middle is a boy with blonde hair, wearing a dark blazer, white shirt, and green and blue striped tie. The student on the right is a girl with long dark hair, wearing a dark blazer, white shirt, and green and blue striped tie. She has a school crest on her blazer. They are standing on a paved area with a yellow curb.
- Senior Prefects
 - Prefects
 - Junior Prefects
 - Student Council
 - Sports Leadership
 - House Leadership
 - Subject Ambassador
 - Young Interpreters

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Extra-curricular opportunities are an important part of life at Bradon Forest. Our dedicated staff offer a wide variety of lunch time and after school clubs throughout the year. Students can explore different interests through a range of clubs from Music, Drama and a range of Sports to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) and Computer Programming. We have also offered Strategy Games, Eco Club, Retro Gaming, Dungeons and Dragons and many more!

Students have the freedom to choose their extra-curricular activities. This helps to encourage independent learning and students take responsibility for individual growth.



“The school’s work to promote pupils’ personal development is good. Pupils appreciate the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer. There are numerous trips and visits throughout the year including to universities and to watch plays.” Ofsted 2023

Catch-up and after school revision sessions are also offered year-round, providing vital support for those who require it. We support after school sessions by providing a free ‘late bus’ four times a week.

SPORT



We have a strong history of successful sports teams and events and encourage participation in extra-curricular sport and outdoor pursuits. School teams compete in numerous sporting tournaments against other schools at local, county and national level. Our students have access to numerous outdoor areas plus a state of the art sports hall. Although the competitive element is important, our aim is to involve as many students as possible in a variety of different sports.

We support all our elite athletes at Bradon to excel in their chosen sports, ranging GB ice hockey and elite pathway rugby to British Superbike. This last academic year, we've supported students to compete in Spanish football tournaments, represent Wiltshire County in pole vaulting, play football for Wales, win medals in the British Rhythmic Championships and umpire In2Hockey matches, as well as regional swim and showjumping success and a student selected for the the U18 GB Women's World Ice Hockey Championship!



HOMework

Homework is an integral part of a student's education and one that can significantly raise their attainment. Students are expected to become increasingly responsible for their own learning.

Good homework allows students to review their work, apply it to new situations or give them the opportunity to extend their learning through further independent research.



ClassCharts

Teachers upload subject tasks to our homework app, [Class Charts](#) - an easy way for parents to keep an eye on what is set and deadlines given.



The Library Learning Centre is open after school hours for regular Homework Clubs and support sessions, should students wish to use the facilities.

"Pupils have access to a library, which is a welcoming space. Some younger pupils have very recently started to benefit from shared reading lessons. Pupils also read with their tutors." Ofsted 2023

BFS Umbras voting for their Carnegie Prize winner

House competitions contribute an important element of our extra-curricular activities and more importantly, bring students from all years together to work as a team and learn from each other.



INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

It is important for us that students explore their global landscape. Some of the more exciting residential visits include World Challenge, Duke of Edinburgh and our USA trips. These build character, provide valuable international experiences and create lasting memories.

In 2022/23 we have had trips to New York and Washington, Maths & Languages Paris trip, Aachen Christmas Markets and a German Exchange. Already planned for 2024 is trip to Sorrento.





Work Experience

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Students leave Bradon Forest with the broadest range of qualifications and skills possible to maximise their future potential. We prepare our students for a wide range of post-16 studies.

As part of our Progression Programme, students have the opportunity to attend a variety of focussed 'Target Talks', often by ex-students, who share insights in to their profession. We host an annual whole school Careers Fair, where students can visit stands to discuss pathways.

Students all have access to 1-1 appointments with our Careers Advisor.

Year 10 students take part in a week's Work Experience. Year 11 students attend a Progression Evening in Term 1 where they can speak to a variety of local further education providers. They also have Mock Interviews to help prepare them for applying to further education and beyond.

"The school has a strong careers programme. Pupils attend careers fairs and universities. Year 11 pupils are well informed about their next steps. They attend a number of local colleges and sixth forms when they leave Bradon Forest."- Ofsted 2023



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SIXTH FORM

As a proud Athelstan Trust school, we are pleased to partner with Malmesbury School for our sixth form offer, enabling students to continue post-16 studies within The Athelstan Trust

Malmesbury School already has an established, well respected and high achieving sixth form. Students attend Malmesbury School for four days a week and then return to Bradon Forest for one day a week. This model has empowered our school to provide an education for our students into Key Stage 5 and has been dubbed 'the best of both worlds.' We have a number of students studying A Level across Years 12 and 13. Teachers at both sites collaborate to ensure that the students who have chosen the Bradon Forest sixth form receive a first class offer. There are a wide variety of subjects that are currently studied by students who have chosen this cross-trust model, ranging from the Arts to Sciences.

In 2022, the A Level results were outstanding with A - A* grades at 43% and A*- B at 71%. Our first Bradon sixth form cohort achieved very highly and destinations included studying veterinary science and law at university. The development of a new bespoke area for sixth-formers means that we are able to effectively transition Year 11s into their post-16 education providing them with a unique study space and opportunities for supra-curricular learning.



WELLBEING

We aim to ensure that student wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do at Bradon Forest School and that everyone feels like they belong in our community. From a practical perspective, there are a number of things we have in place to enhance the wellbeing of our students:

- Strong pastoral team - Heads of Year and Pastoral Support Assistants
- School counsellors
- Parent Support Advisor
- Midweek Matters sessions
- Personal Development curriculum - in tutor time we explore topics that are designed to enhance student wellbeing
- Assemblies on the topic of wellbeing and mental health
- Peer mentor scheme
- Anti-Bullying Bronze Award
- Multi-Faith prayer room

We work with a number of agencies that share information on student wellbeing and we regularly update parents with this advice via email and our website.



Pride Picnic



An Athelstan Trust Academy

OPEN EVENTS 2023/24

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 28 September 2023

5.45pm - 8pm

Headteacher's talk at 6.00pm and 6.45pm

OPEN MORNINGS

Mondays - Fridays

2 - 9 October 2023

9.15am - 10.30am

*Booking is essential for all events:
www.tinyurl.com/BradonForestEvents*

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