



# **Bishop Ullathorne** Catholic School Sixth Form

*Search for  
Excellence*

An active Christian community of Love and Service.



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Bishop Ullathorne is a vibrant and welcoming community that places love, service, and academic excellence at the heart of all we do. Our Sixth Form offers an exceptional educational experience, empowering students to reach their full potential and become compassionate, attentive, eloquent, faith-filled, wise, curious, and grateful young adults.

Our Sixth Form curriculum is designed to challenge and engage students, with a wide range of A-Level courses available. We set high academic standards, ensuring our students are well-prepared for the rigours of university or the world of work. Beyond the classroom, our extensive enrichment programme encourages students to explore their interests, develop new skills, and make a positive impact on the community.

We understand that the Sixth Form years can be both exciting and daunting. That's why we offer a supportive, inclusive environment where students feel valued and empowered to grow.

The decisions you make in the Sixth Form will resonate with you for the rest of your life. That's why we work closely with each student to ensure they are well-equipped for the next chapter, whether that's university, an apprenticeship, or the world of work. Our expert careers guidance and university application support will help you navigate the path ahead with confidence.

We warmly invite you to visit our school and experience the vibrant, caring community of Bishop Ullathorne Sixth Form for yourself. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

**Sarah Boyle**

Headteacher



Here at Bishop Ullathorne, we expect high academic standards from all of our students. To enable this, we ensure that each one of you is given all the support, guidance and encouragement you will need in order to have a successful start to Post-16 study. The care, guidance and support provided at Bishop Ullathorne is outstanding. You will have regular one-to-one meetings with one of our Sixth Form team, for instance.

This is a new and exciting journey that you are embarking upon, studying subjects that you are passionate about.

We are very proud of the amazing destinations our Year 13 students achieve. This could also be your future.

Underpinning everything, is our Sixth Form vision, that of a highly aspirational Sixth Form where everyone is valued and proud to belong. Our school mission statement actively encourages the search for excellence and for each one of you to foster the development of your true self.



**Mrs P Casey**  
Assistant Headteacher





A photograph of two young women with long brown hair sitting at a desk in a classroom. They are both smiling and looking towards the right. The woman on the left is wearing a dark green jacket, and the woman on the right is wearing a dark blue jacket. They are holding pens and looking at papers on the desk. In the background, there are wooden shelves with books and a computer monitor.

**“Outcomes at A Level are excellent, with a consistently high percentage of top grades.”**

Catholic Schools Inspection

## Searching for Excellence

At Bishop Ullathorne Sixth Form we are committed to helping every student to become their true self. This is achieved through:

- High quality teaching
- Outstanding pastoral support
- Excellent working relationships
- High quality careers and university advice
- Enrichment opportunities
- Regular and meaningful home learning



# All feel that they belong

## Making the transition to Sixth Form

The transition from Year 11 to Sixth Form is extremely important. It is a fundamental aspect of the development of successful, independent and enthusiastic learners. Both the happiness of our students and their academic progress are of paramount importance to us, which is why we pay particular attention to how students settle into Bishop Ullathorne in Year 12.

Some key features of our Year 12 transition programme are as follows:

### The first weeks of Year 12

There is an initial transition period during the first three weeks in September during which students are assessed and subject teachers report on their suitability for their chosen courses.

### Sixth Form Key Information

In September, all Year 12 students and their parents are provided with key information about Sixth Form life and how parents can support their child to meet their full potential during their A Level studies.

### Continual support at all levels

All students receive a one-to-one meeting during the first weeks of Year 12 with a member of our Sixth Form team. Students have a dedicated Form Tutor who they see daily and follow a Tutor Time programme of activities, including learning about the A Level Mindset VESPA programme. Students have timetabled and supervised independent study lessons so that they make the most of their non-contact time. Our excellent student liaison officers monitor transition closely to ensure that all students are settling in and fully accessing the opportunities on offer







**“As a student of the Sixth Form, I can say that the support which you receive alongside the facilities you have at your fingertips really does encourage you to fulfil your potential.”**

Year 12 student

## Developing our true selves

### Incredible destinations

The opportunities and guidance provided to our students has empowered them to move on to some incredible destinations, in this country and abroad.

In recent years, Bishop Ullathorne Sixth Form students have gone on to study at some of the best universities in the country, including Oxford and Cambridge. Students have also moved further afield to study in Ireland, America and mainland Europe.

The expert advice available from our on-site careers advisor means that students have also been successful in applying for high quality apprenticeships in Business, Finance, the Police and Avionics.



# An active Christian community

## Facilities and Support

Our students receive regular one-to-one guidance in our dedicated Sixth Form facilities. Time is spent ensuring students choose the right course for what they want to do. Because of this, personal statements are produced by each student, ensuring that they receive the best offers from universities. Many of our students go on to Higher Level Apprenticeships. Bishop Ullathorne Sixth Form students have access to their own newly refurbished study area as well as a common room and conference suite. Within the Sixth Form Centre, there are spaces dedicated for collaborative learning and quiet, peaceful study.



**“The high standard of your application is perfectly in line with the university’s values towards higher education and maximising achievement. Our decision to offer you a place was influenced by the excellent standard of your personal statement. Thank you for putting in this level of time and effort.”**

University admissions department



# Recognising our Gifts

Success at A Level depends on habits, routines, attitudes and approaches to study. It is behaviours, not intelligence, that determine results.

Here at Bishop Ullathorne, we are leading the way with the ground-breaking A Level Mindset programme that is known as the VESPA model. Students learn all about this in Tutor Time as well as a bespoke one hour per week lesson. VESPA (which stands for Vision, Effort, Systems, Practice and Attitude) is a mindset that will help improve success.

Students who are successful:

- Know what they want to achieve (VISION)
- Complete many hours of independent study (EFFORT)
- Organise their learning resources and their time (SYSTEMS)
- Practise and develop their skills (PRACTICE)
- Respond constructively to challenge (ATTITUDE)

Successful studying in Years 12 and 13 is not just dependent on the development of skills but also attitudes and approaches that will enable to overcome the inevitable challenges.

## Enrichment programme

Good grades are important but universities and employers are looking for something extra. That is why we offer an extensive range of enrichment opportunities. These activities are designed to help broaden students' experience and develop leadership and team-working skills. Opportunities include:

- Student leadership roles within departments
- Mentoring younger students
- Work experience
- Faith in action, including visits to Lourdes and residential retreats
- Residential internships as part of the Social Mobility Foundation and Aspiring Professionals Programme
- Realising Opportunities, Pathways to Law, Pathways to Business and Finance
- Societies and clubs
- Charity events
- Nuffield Foundation programme
- HE+ programme
- FutureLearn online bite size programmes
- Two university visits for all students.

## Summer Schools

Students are encouraged to visit a range of universities to see what Higher Education has to offer. Our students have participated in residential Summer Schools at Warwick, St Andrews, York, Oxford and Nottingham.







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