

# **SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS**

**2024 - 2025**



**BUDMOUTH ACADEMY WEYMOUTH**

A N A S P I R A T I O N S A C A D E M Y

# THIS IS US

## *'our culture'*

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### Dear Student

**It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Budmouth Academy Weymouth.**

Thank you for your interest in Budmouth Sixth Form. The redevelopment of the Sixth Form Centre, Chromebooks for students and the provision of a skills based curriculum running alongside Level 3 courses make this an exciting time for you to join us!

Here at Budmouth, we believe that our Sixth Form is the stepping stone to a student's future. A combination of study with extensive opportunities for enrichment supports our students in demonstrating high levels of self worth, engagement and purpose. Students who leave Budmouth Sixth Form are enthusiastic, well-grounded and versatile individuals who are well equipped to take their place in and contribute to society in a successful manner.

We aim to support our students by giving them the opportunity to excel academically through our wide and varied curriculum, supported by inspirational teaching, as well as helping them to develop into well rounded individuals perceived by all as positive role models through our extensive pastoral programme. Attaining

qualifications to support their future endeavours is paramount to students' success, but we also look to balance this with the aim of developing essential personal qualities through engagement in a wide variety of activities in order for students to access the best experience here at Budmouth.

Students within Budmouth Sixth Form have fun, work hard and make lifelong friendships. They are part of a community where there is a shared desire to succeed and excel in all that they choose to do.

If you have any questions or you would like to find out more information about the Academy, then do get in touch. No prospectus or website can replace the experience of visiting the Academy and meeting our staff and students. Please do not hesitate to arrange a personal tour, we would be delighted to meet you and show you what we have to offer.

Yours sincerely

**Sam Morris**  
Director of Sixth Form





# 'Be Counted. You Matter. It's Your Future.'

*"Having the flexibility to study just two A Levels alongside a two day a week programme at Bath University allowed me to gain a Tennis Scholarship in the USA"*  
(Millen Hurrión)

*"I'll be graduating with a first class in Information Engineering from Cambridge and going to work for the British Antarctic Survey as a Data Scientist."*  
(Tom Anderson)

## YOUR CREDENTIALS

### 'Our Curriculum'

**We know that finding the right combination of courses is key to your future success. Budmouth's popularity allows us to offer a very wide range of subject combinations at Level 3 (A-Level and equivalent). The course booklet gives further information for each subject. Please note that entry recommendations reflecting the difficulty of these courses are also included. For more information please email the Director of Sixth Form, [smorris@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:smorris@budmouth-aspirations.org)**

Five GCSE grades at Levels 4 and above or their equivalent, is the minimum entry recommendation to begin studying at Level 3. Advanced Level courses are taught for eight or nine hours per fortnight, per subject, for two years.

Budmouth also offers vocational Level 3 courses in Business, ICT, Art, Applied Science, Health & Social Care and Sport. These include Cambridge Technical qualifications and BTEC Diplomas. Typically, vocational

qualifications are more coursework based and often take up more than one option block. Vocational courses therefore, are studied for between nine and twenty-seven hours a fortnight depending on their type. They are also two-year courses.

At Budmouth, you are invited to choose three, or in some cases four, courses from the subjects listed in our information booklet\*. These will then be studied as part of a two-year programme that includes; academic tutoring, timetabled study periods, tutor periods, enrichment time, employability sessions and development days. You are offered guidance or making these choices as part of your application and interview process.

In addition to the above, GCSE retakes in English and Maths are available to any student who requires them.

*\*Please note that the availability of some courses may be subject to change.*



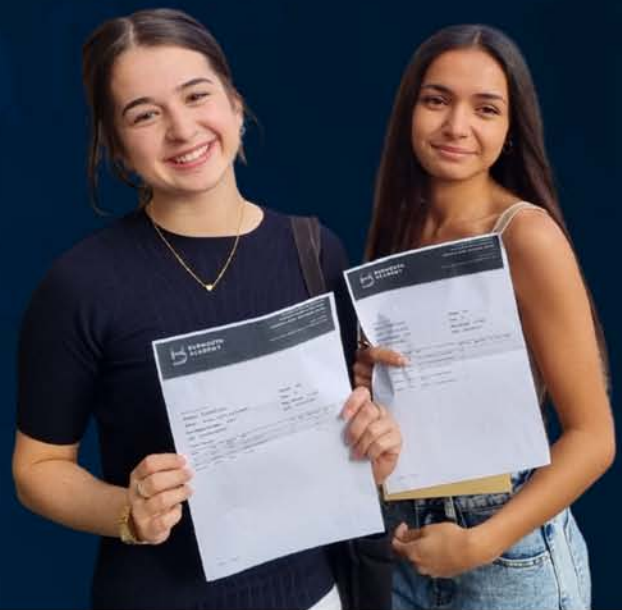
*'you are an individual'*

# BE COUNTED. YOU MATTER.

**Budmouth has one of the best retention rates in the country. We pride ourselves in the support we offer our students so that they are happy and successful, both whilst still in education and later on into their future. We support you every step of the way, for example:**

- Sixth Form Preparation Days for new students
- Support and assistance with choices of Study Programmes
- Monitoring and tracking your progress
- Study skills and organisational skills development
- Target Setting and Academic Tutoring
- Consultation evenings
- The Learning Forum – Student Voice
- Student Union Welfare Officer
- Team Building and Tutor Group activities
- Oxbridge and Medicine Support Group
- Student Counselling Service
- Access to a careers adviser
- "Next Step" and UCAS advice and guidance
- Careers advice, Work Experience, Internships and Scholarships
- Aspirations Employability Diploma
- Access to the UNIFROG Platform

Successful outcomes reflect this support. In the last two years over 120 students have secured places at university. Included are students who have gone on to study at Oxford and Cambridge and also students on competitive courses like Medicine, Veterinary Science and even Engineering at the new Dyson University; many more went on to secure vocational positions thanks to the links and support provided by our Centre of Excellence and Careers teams.



*"I received huge amounts of personal help from various members of staff throughout my application. Before the process had even begun, I was encouraged to take part in the Sir Samuel Mico scholarship programme, which gave me valuable experience that featured heavily in my personal statement. Once the application process started, several members of staff assisted me in honing my personal statement, ensuring that I had the best possible chance of being invited to interview. As soon as I was, we planned out multiple mock interviews, which helped me to feel ready and stay calm when the day came. My teachers were a great help too. They were more than happy to go over questions relevant to my entrance exam and directed me to some excellent resources to help me prepare. Between the Sixth Form team and my teachers at Budmouth, I was given the best possible chance to move forward and fulfil my potential."*

(Brodie Asker)



*In the Sixth Form, the Centre of Excellence provides students with strong work-related learning and professional training.*  
(Ofsted 2018)



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## **IT’S YOUR FUTURE**

### *‘Aspirations Employability Diploma’*

**Your journey through Sixth Form also offers you support from both the Careers Hub and the Centre of Excellence through the Budmouth Next Step Programme in preparation for what follows after your secondary education is completed.**

Budmouth Academy aims to develop you into a confident young person with a strong sense of purpose, so you can understand how you can transfer your skills and experience into the broader world of work.

The Centre of Excellence runs the Aspirations Employability Diploma, a training programme that develops you as a young professional through a practical, hands on approach.

The Diploma offers Sixth Form students individualised training that develops balanced professional portfolios of skills, attitudes and attributes through hands on experience. The Diploma focuses on developing students to be ready to work in a 21st century world. The Centre also runs the Sir Samuel Mico Scholarship Awards, a work placement programme that offers Scholarship awardees paid work placements.

Students who gain the Diploma award are listed on the Aspirations Trust website so that future employers are able to identify them as work ready individuals, appropriately trained to be useful professionals in their workforce.

You will be supported in finding relevant and useful experiences of work to develop your skills base and broaden your knowledge. You should also expect to be assisted by the Careers Hub in researching, discussing and choosing the course, apprenticeship or work-based training that you wish to pursue after completing your Sixth Form studies.

All students have access to a Level 7 Careers Advisor for impartial advice and guidance and each receives a login to Unifrog, a website that helps guide you in creating course, placement, apprenticeship and career shortlists, as well as providing helpful frameworks and feedback for the application process. Local and national employers are involved in the delivery of the planned two-year Careers Hub curriculum that includes workplace visits, talks, visits to HE, support for Oxbridge and online workshops.

Our goal is to develop the skills and attributes you will need to be successful leaders, entrepreneurs and employees in an ever-evolving and increasingly digital job market.

There are more details on the Budmouth Academy website. Please email: [careershub@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:careershub@budmouth-aspirations.org) for further information.



# ACCESS FOR ALL

*'you matter'*

**Students in the Sixth Form with Education Health Care Plans continue to receive a level of support. As the Sixth Form timetable is very different, the number of hours of support on the EHC plan may need to be revised in conjunction with the Local Authority.**

A team of dedicated Sixth Form TA's offer the following support:

- In class - timetabled curriculum lessons
- Support lessons - non-classroom based, known as Time and Task Management sessions

Students joining the Sixth Form from other schools, as well as returning Budmouth students, are requested to complete the SEN section in the Sixth Form application form and to indicate the support they have received/ will need in relation to: Specific Learning Difficulties (dyslexia); Sensory Impairment; Asperger's Syndrome or Physical/ Mobility Difficulty.

If a place is taken up, contact will be made with the previous school with a request that relevant information is shared.

Prior to Sixth Form entry, the Director of Inclusion is happy to meet with students and parents to discuss their level of needs and the support that will be available.

## Access Arrangements

A number of students in the Sixth Form are entitled to Access Arrangements. The Director of Inclusion, Mrs Sally Emms, is also responsible for Access Arrangements for all public examinations, in liaison with the Examinations Officer.

Contact will be made with former schools to request copies of paperwork in order to substantiate any request for the continuation of Access Arrangements for those new to the Sixth Form.

In order to facilitate special exam arrangements for students with anxiety based issues, the college will require up to date medical advice from CAMHS or the GP.

If you believe your son/daughter requires an assessment regarding Access Arrangements, or you wish to discuss exam accommodation, please contact Sally Emms [semms@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:semms@budmouth-aspirations.org)



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# YOUR WORLD

## *'Extra Curricular Activities'*



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During your Sixth Form at Budmouth, you will have access to a vast range of extra-curricular opportunities that will help build self-confidence, leadership skills, active citizenship and enterprise capabilities.

- Induction Day - Welcome to Budmouth Sixth Form! Elected Student Union – organising social, inter-tutor and fundraising events
- Paired-reading scheme – matching Sixth Formers with Year 7 readers
- Leavers' Ball
- Rights Respecting Ambassadors
- Fundraising for Children in Need, Comic Relief and other charities
- Development Days – such as "Health Day", "Democracy Day" and "Next Step Day"
- Budmouth Scholarship Program in partnership with the Samuel MicoTrust
- Cultural Exchanges
- Ski and Snowboarding trip
- Fully funded trip to NASA
- Internships – providing unique work experience and transferable skills.
- Voluntary activities
- Student Teaching Assistants in the Lower School
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Ten Tors Teams
- CCF
- College Productions
- Expeditions e.g. to Kenya, India & Ecuador.
- New York, Iceland, Paris and CERN Trips
- First Aid Qualifications
- Sports Teams and Coaching opportunities
- Sixth Form Societies – from eco groups to film clubs. If there is not yet something for you then start a society of your own with the help of the Student Union



# YOUR SPACE

*'room to grow'*

**Budmouth's bespoke, multimillion pound "Hub" overlooks Chesil Beach.**

The majority of subjects at Budmouth are taught in this 'state of the art' facility. Creative use of light and space give a Higher Education feel, both inside the building, and outside in its landscaped surroundings.

Budmouth Sixth Form also recently opened an exclusive, WiFi enabled, Sixth Form café/events venue. In addition, Budmouth's Creative Arts buildings underwent a one and a half million pound refurbishment in 2015.

Even more recently, in 2022 Budmouth's Sixth Form Centre went through a refurbishment to create an open plan 21st Century learning environment incorporating the Centre of Excellence and independent study areas in one bespoke building. All Sixth Formers are given a Google Chromebook to use both in school and at home for the duration of their time with us to take full advantage of these modern facilities.

Here are just a few of the other facilities the Sixth Form at Budmouth now has to offer:

- Four Floodlit Tennis and Netball Courts
- Two Floodlit 4G AstroTurf Football/Hockey Pitches.
- The Centre of Excellence
- Art and Photography Studios
- The Careers Hub
- Dance, Drama and Music Studios
- Design and Technology Building
- Extensive Playing Fields
- Budmouth's main Resource Centre and two additional Sixth Form Private Study Rooms
- CCF Assault Course
- SEN Base
- Chromebooks for all Sixth Form students
- Access to Google Classroom



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# STUDENT GOVERNANCE

*'dare to imagine, involve yourself'*

The Student Union are an elected committee of passionate and diligent individuals dedicated to making Budmouth Sixth Form an enjoyable and beneficial experience for all. Our work is not-for-profit and hence is financially supported by both fundraisers and union contributions.

Across the span of the year, we are responsible for organising a variety of events that actively bring together our students and offer new bonding experiences such as BBQs, shopping trips, quizzes, and perhaps most importantly, the Sixth Form Leavers Ball.

We believe that healthy competition between tutors encourages hard work and team spirit. For this reason, we host multiple inter-tutor competitions which involve sporting events, costume days and bake-offs.

As preparation for student life post-Sixth Form, Budmouth dedicates Wednesday afternoons to providing students a selection of enrichment activities. These can include sports clubs, online learning courses, community projects or university preparation. Our aim is to get everyone included in something aside from general study.

Following your time spent at Budmouth, the union encourage pupils to keep in touch and updated with their progress. It is common that past students return to the college and offer a variety of speeches and Q & A's regarding their experiences following Sixth Form which can include university life and job opportunities.



"The CEIL (Centre of Excellence) helped me to choose the career path I wanted to take, suited to my natural strengths, and gave me the opportunity to meet ASM's Head of Human Resources for the UK and work alongside her. I used all the work I had been doing with her and within the Aspirations Employability Diploma (AED) to get a 4 week paid scholarship working at ASM which helped me to then get my current role as a Human Resources Apprentice. I am now in a full time job gaining work experience while completing a Human Resources qualification with plans to do a higher qualification and degree. If I could give any advice to a Sixth Form student it would be to make the most of the CEIL and to explore your options. I had complete support for what I needed."

(Amelia Luff)

"I am in my second year reading BSc Criminology and Criminal Justice with Law at the University of Plymouth. I took my GCSEs at Wey Valley then attended Budmouth Sixth Form. Now I am a student ambassador and volunteer with UPSU in conservation projects and with the C.C youth team. I had spent my teenage years in foster care and for me Budmouth was a home where I received nothing but encouragement and support. I really benefited from the facilities including the quiet study space which helped me maintain focus throughout. My time at Budmouth, was simply positive!"

(Shalisha Hurrión)

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