



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS 2026 - 2027

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BUDMOUTH ACADEMY WEYMOUTH

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WELCOME

Dear Student,

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming you to Budmouth Sixth Form.

We are incredibly proud of all we have to offer you here, from our wide variety of courses and our extensive extra curricular opportunities and trips, to our supportive and welcoming community.

At Budmouth, our Sixth Form offers you a stepping stone into your future, with university and careers links at the heart of the courses we offer. In our most recent OFSTED inspection we were rated 'Good' (March, 2024), and inspectors noted that, 'in the Sixth Form, students value the range of courses available and that teachers are skilful in providing appropriate work that is demanding for students, and in providing additional support when needed.'

Students in our Sixth Form are aspirational and determined, with a desire to succeed in their chosen area of specialism. They are collaborative and competitive, whether that be in winning our inter-tutor competitions each half term or when competing in our alternative Sports Day at the end of the year-students take on every opportunity to have fun, work hard and build life-long friendships.



Our mission is to inspire our students to do what inspires them and together we will work with you to achieve your future goals and reach the destination of your choice.

This is an incredibly exciting time in your life and we look forward to supporting you through this next step.

If you have any questions or would like to see our Sixth Form in action, please do get in touch.

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"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 Hurrion)

"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 range of subject combinations at Level 3 (A-Level and equivalent). Our Course Guide gives further information for each subject. Please note that entry requirements reflecting the difficulty of these courses are also included.

For more information please email the subject teacher directly (email addresses can be found in the Course Guide) or by emailing the Director of Sixth Form, lengland@budmouth-aspirations.org.

Students can select to follow the Advanced level or Professional pathway post-16.

For the Advanced level pathway, students need to secure five Grades 5-9. Each subject is a single option and the majority of students will select three courses. Each course must come from a different option block: students' subject preferences will determine the design of our option blocks to help ensure students are able to complete the combination of courses they have selected.

Students with exceptionally high performance at GCSE could consider a two year study programme consisting of 4 GCE Advanced level or a combination of 4 with vocational courses.

For the Professional pathway, each subject is a single option, equivalent to an A Level, but assessed throughout the two years. Some professional courses can be combined with A Level courses, subject to individual entry requirements and option blocks.

Students that have not yet achieved a Grade 4 in either GCSE English and/or Maths will be required to continue their study in the Sixth Form.

*Please note: the school reserves the right to change the option blocks and subjects, depending on demand for courses.

Alongside their academic qualifications, students will also have timetabled study periods, revision sessions with a subject specialist, tutor periods, Enrichment time and employability sessions.

Advice and Guidance meetings will be offered to you in March, where you can discuss your course options in more detail.

We are a community, within a community.

Budmouth has an incredibly high retention rate and we are proud of the support we offer our students so that they are happy and successful, both whilst still in education and later on into their future.

It is a privilege to support students from Year 7 to Year 13, watching them grow and develop into young people ready to enrich our society.

This support includes:

- Sixth Form Taster Days
- Right Move week
- Monitoring and tracking your progress
- Study skills and organisational skills development
- Target setting
- In-person Parent Consultation Evenings
- Student voice
- Student Union Welfare Officer
- Team building and tutor group activities
- Oxbridge and Medicine Support Group and our Scholars Programme
- Student counselling service
- Access to a careers adviser
- "Next Step" and UCAS advice and guidance
- Work experience, internships and scholarships
- Aspirations Employability Diploma
- Access to the UNIFROG Platform
- Subject revision within the school day (DEAR)

Successful outcomes reflect this support. In the last few years hundreds of students have secured places at university. Included are students who have gone on to study at Oxford and Cambridge and also onto competitive courses like Medicine, Veterinary Science and acting at Bristol School of Acting.

Many more have gone on to secure vocational positions including on competitive apprenticeship schemes, thanks to the links and support provided by our Centre of Excellence and Careers teams.



'My time at Budmouth Sixth Form equipped me with numerous skills, many of which could not be learnt just from studying. The support and interest I received from teachers and staff across the organisation was invaluable. At Budmouth, there is ongoing encouragement from everyone around you which helped me to push myself further and become a Solicitor by completing a degree apprentice at one of the UK's top law firms rather than going to university. I received, like all students, great interest from teachers in what I was hoping to do next and for many students who are unsure of what they want to do, there are lots of insight events and work experience programmes to try out in order to work out whether a certain field might be suitable. My A-Level subjects were Business, Law, and English Language and the range of knowledge that I gained from them frequently sparked my interest into further research. One thing that particularly stood out to me about Budmouth was the opportunity to learn in a way that suits you, there are numerous opportunities to do independent learning or learn as a team and work in groups.'

Amelia Hartley-Baker, Solicitor degree apprenticeship



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Where will the future take you?

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.

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.

It is through the diploma that students also have the opportunity to apply for the NASA trip. This is a free, week-long trip designed for students interested in careers in Engineering or in the field of Maths and Science.

The Centre also runs the Sir Samuel Mico Scholarship Awards, a work placement programme that offers Scholarship awardees paid work placements.

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 student 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 higher education providers, 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 or if you'd like to find out more, please email Baron Miles-

bmiles@budmouth-aspirations.org

ACCESS FOR ALL

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.

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

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(Ofsted, 2023)



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YOUR WORLD

'Extra Curricular Activities'



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During 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 socials, inter-tutor competitions and fundraising events
- Paired-reading scheme – matching Sixth Formers with Year 7 readers
- Leavers' Dinner
- Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors
- Budmouth Scholarship Programme in partnership with the Sir Samuel Mico Trust
- Cultural Exchanges
- 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- including Bronze, Silver and Gold
- Ten Tors Teams
- CCF
- College Productions
- New York, Bath and Iceland 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'

Sixth Formers benefit from their own bespoke KS5 spaces, which have been designed to support both collaborative and silent study.

Students have free access to revision materials, past papers and study guides, to ensure they have no barriers to their revision.

All Sixth Form students also have access to Google Chromebooks throughout the day and can sign out devices to use both in school and at home, for the duration of their time with us, to suit their preferred form of notetaking.

Students also have their on cafe and access to free hot beverages in the library whilst they work

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

- Four Floodlit Tennis and Netball Courts
- Two Floodlit 4G Astro turf Football/Hockey Pitches.
- Art and Photography Studios
- The Careers Hub
- Dance, Drama and Music Studios
- Design and Technology Building
- Extensive Playing Fields
- Budmouth's main Library and two additional Sixth Form Private Study Rooms
- CCF Assault Course
- SEN Base
- Access to 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.

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

In Sixth Form 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-18, Budmouth dedicates Wednesday afternoons to providing students with a selection of Enrichment activities. These can include arts and sports clubs, online learning courses, music, golf, community projects, cooking courses, Young Enterprise 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.

Students benefit from not only having Year 13 subject mentors but also growing access to our Alumni network.



"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 Hurrion)

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My most lasting memory of Budmouth Sixth Form is the teachers. They supported and inspired me, propelling me to achieve what they knew I could. This self-belief that they helped create has stuck with me throughout university and life beyond, and for that, I am truly grateful.

A lot changed during this time but what did not falter was the support that the teachers and staff at Budmouth showed me. If anything, this grew, and when I left, I was glad to have had their support and been a part of that student body. I would not be the person I am today without Budmouth, and it was the individuals who went out of their way that made it such a foundational experience.

Ethan Purnell, First Class Honours degree in English Literature from the University of York

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