

The Sixth Form

A-level students enjoy an unusually broad and stimulating environment at Bedales, in which they can combine serious academic responsibility and opportunities for leadership. For example, students help to run – or even initiate – activities and societies, from literature to sport or the performing arts.

Students in the lower sixth (6.1) share much of the responsibility for running the boarding houses, taking a pastoral role with the younger children and working closely with the house staff.

In 6.2, students live in the separate coeducational boarding house (although with boys and girls on different floors), which acts as a half-way house between school and the independent living they will face in higher education. They receive a great deal of advice and guidance on choosing, and gaining admission to, universities and colleges.

Each student's programme will include: academic study; physical education; service to the community; cultural and current affairs; moral, ethical and spiritual issues; and a programme of personal development. The normal academic programme in 6.1 is four AS subjects, reducing to three subjects at 6.2 in the second year. A number of 6.1 students also have the opportunity to undertake a self-directed project (an accredited Extended Project) on a topic of their choosing.

The Bedales Sixth Form Programme booklet gives a full description of subjects and combinations.

The following subjects are available: Art; Biology; Chemistry; Classical Civilisation; Classical Greek; Computing; Dance; Design (Product Design); Design (Systems and Control); Economics; English Literature; Extended Project; French; Geography; German; History; Latin; Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Music; Physics; Psychology; Religious Studies (Philosophy of Religion and Ethics); Spanish; and Theatre Studies. Some additional languages may be studied on a private basis. Provision for September 2010 may vary slightly from the above.

Higher education

The majority of our sixth-formers go on to further study – and many take a gap year. Below is a table showing the top ten universities attended by Bedales students over the past ten years.

Institution Name	10 year total
University of Bristol	34
University of Leeds	32
University College London (University of London)	29
Oxford Brookes University	26
Oxford University	24
University of Sussex	23
Newcastle University	21
University of Cambridge	19
University of Edinburgh	19
Kings College London (University of London)	18
Camberwell College of Art	18

A broad range of subjects is being studied by Bedales students at university and institutes of higher education, which currently include:

Singing; Mental Philosophy; History of Art & Philosophy; Art Foundation; Chemistry; Marketing; Spanish; German & Music; Archaeology; Biology; Music; Philosophy & Psychology; Educational Studies & English; Music Production; Business Studies; Economics & Philosophy; Geography & Sociology; Middle Eastern Studies; Spanish; Politics; Popular Music Studies; Civil Engineering; French Studies; Film Studies; Economics & Geography; Mechanical Engineering; English Literature; Molecular & Cellular Biochemistry; Veterinary Medicine; Yacht & Powercraft Design; Medicine; and Anthropology.