

# Boarding at Bournemouth Collegiate School



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Bournemouth Collegiate School (BCS) is a highly successful fee paying school in the UK. The school provides day and boarding school education for over 340 boys and girls aged 11 to 18. The school strives to find "the best in everyone" and has a strong global inclusive philosophy based on a traditional UK education. The school is located next to the golden sand beaches of Bournemouth on the South coast of England.

## Academic Curriculum.

We offer GCSEs and A levels. Students can also do a pre GCSE foundation course (1 to 3 terms) if necessary before doing the full two year GCSE course. Students can do a pre A level foundation course (2 to 3 terms) before doing the full two year A level course or a 1 year fast track GCSE course.

## Academic Success.

Our boarders consistently achieve better results than our day pupils. In the last two years boarders achieved 50% A\* or A grades at GCSE. One in three grades at GCSE and A level are A\* or A grades. In 2010 and 2011 100% of our Sixth Formers gained places to their first choice university course.



### Pre GCSE foundation subjects offered

Intensive English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Design Technology, ICT, Home Economics and Physical Education.

### GCSE subjects offered

English, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Religious Studies, Food & Nutrition, Geography, History, Art, Design Technology, Physical Education, PSHE, Music, Drama, ICT, Film & Media, Drama, Spanish, French, German, Russian, Arabic and Mandarin.

### One year GCSE subjects offered

Maths, English (or IELTS), own language and 3 subjects from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography or Business Studies.

### Pre A level foundation subjects offered

Mathematics, Intensive English, a limited number of A level subjects, European and British University Preparation Course.

### A level subjects offered

English, Mathematics, Further Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Religious Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, Geography, Economics, Media Studies, Business Studies, Physical Education, Food & Nutrition, Design Technology, ICT, Music, Art, Drama & Theatre Studies, Spanish, French, German, Russian, Arabic and Mandarin.



## University Success

Typically each year 25% of BCS leavers gain entry into the Russell Group of Universities, including some to Oxford and Cambridge. 95% of our leavers move on to higher education, the small remaining minority take gap years or move directly to employment. Popular university destinations for BCS pupils include: Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Bristol, Warwick, Exeter, Cardiff, Southampton, Bath, University College London, London School of Economics, Plymouth, Bournemouth and Hong Kong. In both 2010 and 2011 100% of BCS leavers gained entry into their first choice university as well as their first choice course.

## English as a Second Language.

International students' level of English will be assessed in order to ensure they are able to benefit from the education offered and are able to enjoy and participate in the social and recreational opportunities available to them. English Language support will be provided either in groups or on a one to one basis as necessary.



**“The promotion of equality and diversity is outstanding.”**



**“Living in the boarding house is just like having your own beach house: we are 2 minutes' walk form the lovely sandy beach... we love going down as much as possible to swim, to kayak, to tan, sometimes some of us surf and we love fish and chips on the beach!”**

**“We have so much time to enjoy our own company if we wish or to spend time with our friends when we choose; everyone is so friendly and the boarding staff understand us so well”**



## Accommodation.

A £2m investment in 2010/11 has grown and improved the boarding accommodation at BCS. Many of the new rooms are en-suite. We operate a "buddy" system where each new student joining the school has a more experienced student to look after them and show them around. All students in their first few weeks are shown the local shops and how to recognise and handle English currency.



Most students will be in single rooms or will share with one other student. The very youngest boarders will be in two rooms with a maximum of four students per room. There is a head of boarding and there are full time house parents for both the boys and the girls with assistant house parents who all live in the boarding houses.

There is separate accommodation for boys and girls and each have their own games rooms, kitchens, TV rooms and washing, toilet and shower rooms for those without en-suite facilities.

All rooms are secure and students can bring their own laptops as there is WIFI (filtered) available throughout the accommodation.



## Guardianship.

Students whose parents are based abroad must have an English speaking contact in the UK who will be responsible for arrangements at the beginning and end of term, for holidays, exets and

emergencies. Suitable guardians may be family or friends based in the UK. We can recommend you contact a guardian agency via the website of the Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students (AEGIS) – [www.aegisuk.net](http://www.aegisuk.net)

## Food.

Every day each meal offers a variety of choice to the students including a vegetarian option. All food is freshly prepared on site every day.

### Breakfast.

A selection of breakfast cereals, fruits, homemade yoghurts, chilled fruit juices, toast, croissants and a cooked breakfast with different choices each day.

### Lunch.

Soup of the day followed by a meat or vegetarian option with vegetables or a jacket potato with various fillings or pasta with various sauces and a dessert choice including fresh fruit and homemade yoghurts. The salad bar is always a further choice.

### Supper.

A meat or vegetarian option with vegetables or pasta with various sauces and a dessert choice including fresh fruit and homemade yoghurts. The salad bar is always a further choice.



**“We love the yummy birthday cakes we get in the boarding house! ”**



School Facilities.

Academic/Learning facilities include:

Design and Technology Centre

Food Technology Centre

Music Ensemble room

Theatre and Drama studio

Art studios

ICT suites

Learning resource centre

Sports facilities include:

Indoor heated swimming pool – 25m

Astroturf

Sports hall – Olympic basketball size

Tennis courts

Football pitches

Athletics track

Other facilities include:

Dining room

The beach!

Medical centre

The school has a well equipped medical centre on-site with a resident Nurse 24/7. All boarding students are registered with our local NHS practice Doctor and Dentist, both of which are five minutes from the school.



“Relationships between staff and children are excellent.”



## Daily Routine.

Monday to Friday.

07.25 Wake up bell  
07.55 Breakfast  
08.40 Registration  
08.50 Lesson 1  
09.50 Lesson 1 ends  
09.55 Lesson 2  
10.55 Break  
11.20 Lesson 3  
12.25 Afternoon Registration / Form period /  
Reading / Morning Prep  
12.35 Assembly starts if an assembly day  
12.55 Lunch  
13.55 Lesson 4  
15.00 Lesson 5  
16.00 Lesson 5 ends  
16.15 Prep / activities start  
17.00 Free Time  
17.50 Supper  
18.30 to 20.00 Prep -Year 7 – 11 Prep Room  
Sixth Form in own rooms with door open  
20.00 Free time  
Bedtime - varies according to age.

At least one afternoon per week is used for sports training and competitive matches.

**“The hot chocolate they make at BCS is just brilliant, and really warms us up in the cold winter months.”**

**“The school food is delicious and we have so much to choose from and such a great variety of food.”**



**“We really are treated as individuals.”**



## Sport and activities.

There are many choices for all students at BCS for both sports and activities. Early morning training is mainly for school teams. Lunch time activities are voluntary and the afternoon sports and activities where there is such a wide choice are enjoyed by most of the students.

## Weekend events.

Each weekend on the Saturday there is always at least one key event such as: cinema, go karting, laser quest, ice skating or the ski dome. Once a term there is a full day visit to London to major tourist attractions like: Madam Tussauds, the London Eye, The Tower of London and others.

Sunday is a more relaxed day with the sports hall always being available, local shopping trips and often the swimming pool will be open and the beach is only a 5 minute walk away. The younger students are always appropriately supervised.

## Sample Activities Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 7-8am	Morning	Morning 7.40-8.20am	Morning	Morning
Swim Squad		Rugby Skills Netball Skills		Swim Squad
Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
GCSE Music GCSE History Rugby Squad Netball	Prefects Meeting Choir Rugby Squad GCSE PE Clinic Spanish Oral Badminton Girls Hockey Squad	Music Group Rock Club Boys Hockey Spanish Oral	A Capella Spanish Oral Recreational Netball Club Sixth Form Careers	Orchestra D of E
After School	After School	After School	After School	After School
4.15-5.00pm	4.15-5.00pm	4.15-5.00pm	4.15-5.00pm	4.15-5.00pm
Spanish Prep Chess Logic Club RS GCSE French Clinic Trampoline Club Senior Drama Rehearsal A Level Biology Clinic Girls Football Young Enterprise Controlled Assesment Clinic D of E Table Tennis	Music Groups Maths Clinic Football German Club Badminton Science Challenge Football Squad Oxbridge Discussion Fashion Theatre Performing Arts (including lighting & sound) Canoe Club Spelling Bee Sports Fixtures	Spanish Prep GCSE Physics GCSE Music Senior Drama Rehearsal History Model Making French Prep GCSE Science Biology Clinic Coursework Football Squad Senior Basketball Back to Basics English Skills DT Club Young Enterprise Sport Fixtures	Jewellery Club Speak Up! Comedy Club Science Club Rock Club Art Club GCSE Drama Junior Basketball	Sewing Club GCSE Music Clinic GCSE Maths for EAL Football Senior Drama Rehearsal GCSE Chemistry Basketball Squad Triathlon Training

**“Someone in the school is always ready to drive us to an offsite activity in the evenings or weekends. I love going to clay pigeon shooting on Saturdays and dance class on Wednesdays.”**



**“I really enjoy the exciting weekend activities and outings.”**



**“Beach runs in the mornings and weekends are great fun if you want to get fit.”**





Bournemouth Collegiate School is 90 minutes from London by train and less than 30 minutes from Southampton airport and Bournemouth airport both of which have direct flights to Amsterdam (Schipol) and Frankfurt airports.



**“Boarding at BCS, the best choice I ever made!”**



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