



The
Bulmershe
School

INSPIRING POTENTIAL,
ACHIEVING TOGETHER



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Welcome

to The Bulmershe School

Why families choose us:

At The Bulmershe School, we are proud to be a vibrant, diverse and inclusive community where every student is valued, supported and inspired to achieve their best. Our mission is to nurture happy, confident and aspirational learners in a safe and caring environment, where respect, resilience and responsibility are at the heart of everything we do.

Academic Excellence & Outstanding Teaching

We have high expectations for every student and are committed to delivering an exceptional education. Ofsted recognises our “outstanding teaching combined with a high level of care for the individual child,” and our results reflect this. In 2025, a third of our GCSE results were the top grades of 9-7, and 65% of our students achieved a grade 5 or higher, with 75% securing grade 4 or above, far exceeding the national average. This places us in the top 18% of schools nationally. Our A-Level students also performed exceptionally well, with a remarkable 33% achieving A*-A grades, and 61% A*-B. Subjects such as Technology, Chemistry, French and Physics rank among the top 10% in the country.

A Supportive and Enriching Environment

We believe education extends beyond the classroom. Our Oasis and SIGNAL Centres provide dedicated emotional wellbeing and learning support, while our independent study area and café give Sixth Form students space to grow. Our library is a hub for reading, study and social activities, and we encourage students to make full

use of its computers before and after school.

State-of-the-Art Facilities

Our students thrive in outstanding facilities, including a 400-seat auditorium that hosts incredible school productions such as Annie, Matilda and Les Misérables. Our exceptional sports amenities include 4G AstroTurf pitches, a dance studio, and access to Bulmershe Leisure Centre with its six-lane swimming pool and four-court sports hall.

Beyond the Classroom

We offer a rich programme of extra-curricular activities, from Drama, Craft, Science and Coding Clubs to a wide range of free sports clubs. These opportunities allow students to explore new interests, develop key skills and build lasting friendships.

A Warm Welcome Awaits You

At Bulmershe, we continuously strive for excellence and work in partnership with parents, carers and the local community to provide the very best education for our students. We invite you to visit our school and see first-hand the dedication of our staff and the enthusiasm of our students. We are confident that you will love what you see.

Amanda Woodfin
Headteacher





Our Ethos

Nurturing every student's unique journey

We believe that choosing the right school is about finding a place where your child can truly flourish. We are incredibly proud of the warm, inclusive environment we've cultivated. Our heart lies in nurturing happy, self-confident and aspirational learners who embrace their unique selves.

At Bulmershe, we strive to create a space where individuality is acknowledged and deeply respected. Our dedicated teachers are passionate about their subjects, inspiring curiosity and self-motivation through engaging lessons and a broad, relevant curriculum. We challenge our students to achieve their academic potential, but just as importantly, we foster social responsibility and a global perspective.

We pride ourselves on our caring reputation and our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing environment where mutual respect and responsibility thrive. Student voice is powerful here; we work in partnership with our students, empowering them to actively participate in school life and decision-making.

At Bulmershe, your child won't just learn; they'll grow into a confident, compassionate individual ready to make their positive mark on the world.





Our Team

Cultivating potential, together

At The Bulmershe School, our vibrant community thrives because of the incredible people who make up our team. We're a group of dedicated, passionate individuals, united by a shared commitment to ensuring every child feels valued, supported and excited to learn.

We truly believe in achieving together, and this partnership extends to our families. Our teachers, deeply passionate about their subjects, inspire curiosity and foster a genuine love for learning. They don't just teach; they mentor, guide and celebrate every small victory and significant leap forward.

Our comprehensive support team is at the heart of our caring reputation. They ensure that the academic, emotional and social needs of all students are met with kindness and expertise. Whether it's providing tailored academic guidance or offering a listening ear, our staff are dedicated to building confidence and ensuring

every child feels secure and understood.

Form Tutors build strong relationships through regular one-to-one check-ins and monitoring all aspects of well-being and development. Each year group is further supported by a Head of Year and a dedicated Engagement Manager, providing an extra layer of care and guidance. Beyond this, our unique mentoring and buddying schemes empower older students to offer valuable support and friendship to younger ones, reinforcing our school-wide commitment to community and mutual respect.

Our commitment to tracking the individual progress of students ensures they are encouraged to meet challenging but achievable personal goals.

We're proud to have an exceptional team that creates an environment where students don't just learn, but flourish.

Core Values

Inspiring potential... Achieving Together

At The Bulmershe School, our core values are the heart of our community and the compass that guides our students' personal growth. We're proud to have a reputation for being a caring school, and this isn't by accident - it's the result of actively living by the values we hold dear.

We believe that by nurturing these qualities, we're not just preparing students for academic success, but for a confident and responsible life beyond our gates.

Our values are
Respect • Responsibility • Resilience • Safety

These values are woven into every aspect of school life, from our assemblies and lessons to tutor time and extra-curricular activities. We have the highest expectations for our students, and we work hard to ensure they not only understand these values but embody them.

Our motto, "**Inspiring Potential... Achieving Together**," perfectly captures our belief that every child has the potential to succeed and that we can help them achieve it through a spirit of collaboration and mutual support. It is this shared commitment that will ensure your child makes outstanding progress and becomes a thoughtful and confident member of our community.



- **Respect:** This means treating everyone with kindness and dignity, valuing the diverse perspectives that make our school so special.
- **Responsibility:** We empower students to own their actions, to be reliable and to contribute positively to both their learning and our community.
- **Resilience:** We encourage students to be brave, to learn from challenges and to persevere with a positive mindset.
- **Safety:** We are dedicated to creating a secure and supportive environment where every student feels they belong and can thrive.



Our Curriculum

Creating a learning environment that inspires

Our curriculum is not only designed to inspire curiosity and a genuine love for learning but also to deliver exceptional academic outcomes. We are immensely proud of our students' achievements and the proven track record of success that our broad and challenging curriculum provides. Our goal is to ensure that every student leaves us well-prepared and equipped for whatever future pathway they choose, whether it's further education, a vocational career, or the world of work.

Our diverse curriculum challenges students to excel. It is designed to cultivate the knowledge, skills and instill the confidence needed to navigate a successful life. We place a strong emphasis on academic excellence, while also providing a range of enrichment opportunities that allow learners to develop their unique interests and passions.

This approach has led to outstanding results, which far exceed the national average for both GCSE and A-level. These results are a testament to our students' hard work and the quality of teaching they receive.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

Students follow the National Curriculum, working in either set or mixed ability groups to ensure they are appropriately challenged and supported. This foundation prepares them for the

next stage of their education. In Year 9, to enrich students' education, there is a leadership and challenge pathway where students are given the opportunity to gain life skills, such as the Duke of Edinburgh award or qualifications like Rookie Lifeguard.

Key Stage 4 (GCSE Years 10-11)

All students follow a comprehensive two-year program leading to GCSE examinations or other recognised accreditations. In addition to a core curriculum that includes English, Maths and Science, students can personalise their learning by choosing from a rich array of additional GCSE and vocational qualifications, including Drama, Art, Music, 3D Design, Statistics, Media and Photography.

To prepare them for life beyond Bulmershe, we offer a work placement for all students in Years 10 and 12, providing valuable real-world experience.

This balanced approach ensures our students not only achieve their full academic potential but are also ready for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

To discover more about our Curriculum offer, please take a look at our **Curriculum and Wellbeing** booklet.

“The school has challenged my daughter to achieve the very highest of grades, and she has had the very best start to university life. Thank you”



Our School

Facilities

Our campus provides a range of modern facilities that are a key part of our students' daily experience. Our school canteen is a central hub, open throughout the day to serve breakfast, snacks and lunch. It offers a wide variety of hot food, a fresh salad bar, sandwiches and pasta pots.

For our athletes and those who just want to have fun, our outstanding sports facilities are a huge part of daily life. Students have exclusive access to the on-site Bulmershe Leisure Centre, using its swimming pool and courts for PE lessons and a wide range of after-school clubs. The Goals Football centre is also available for student use during lunch breaks, providing a space for exercise and social activity.

Our fully equipped 400-seater auditorium is the heart of our performing arts scene, hosting our annual School Show with recent productions including Matilda, Annie, Made in Dagenham and The Addams Family.

These facilities are an integral part of our provision, supporting students' academic learning, physical activity and creative expression.

If you can't attend any of our scheduled open evenings or mornings, we will always be delighted to show you around during the school day. Please contact the school reception to arrange.



Student Life

Unlocking Students' Full Potential

At The Bulmershe School, we believe that an education extends far beyond the classroom. We are committed to providing a rich and exciting opportunities that help every individual build confidence, skills and friendships, while also ensuring academic success.

Homework

We know that homework is integral to a student's learning journey. It provides valuable opportunities to consolidate achievements and develop essential skills in self-discipline and independent study. We use ClassCharts to track student achievements and homework tasks, while Google Classroom and Sparx support their school work.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs are important in the development of skills, interests and friendships beyond the day-to-day curriculum. We run an extensive programme of free clubs for students to join that cover a wide variety of social, creative, academic and sporting spheres. From Coding and Drama Club to Trampolining and Choir, there is a club to suit every interest. These activities take place at lunchtime and after school and are a fantastic way for students to explore new hobbies and build on existing passions.

Trips and Visits

During their time at Bulmershe, our students are offered many opportunities for trips and visits. These trips are designed to enrich learning and provide new perspectives. From skiing in Italy and language visits to France, to trips to London's

theatres and visits to Harry Potter Studios, our students are always exploring. We also offer programmes that help students enrich their personal development, including The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Bronze, Silver and Gold.

English as an Additional Language [EAL]

Our dedicated EAL department ensures all students are fully supported throughout their Bulmershe journey. We are proud of our diverse community and offer our EAL students the opportunity to take GCSEs and A-Levels in their community language.

STEM

As a school, we work hard to improve engagement in STEM education. We offer students regular opportunities to meet companies from STEM industries, providing real-world insight and inspiring them to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and maths.

Opportunities after Bulmershe

We are immensely proud of our students' achievements after they leave us. Every year, students from The Bulmershe School gain entrance to some of the country's top universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. After Sixth Form, 70% of our students go on to university, while others choose to apply for incredible apprenticeships such as those at BAE Systems and Amazon. We have a Careers Adviser on site and a comprehensive programme of careers education delivered to each year group, ensuring every student is supported in finding their ideal pathway.

Pastoral Care

Foundation for Success

The Bulmershe School is known for our pastoral care, and we pride ourselves on providing a level of support that is unrivalled in our local community. We know that children thrive when they are treated as individuals and have a trusted adult to talk to if they are worried. Our experienced pastoral team is dedicated to ensuring every student feels safe, supported and confident enough to achieve their very best.

Each year group has a dedicated team, including a **Head of Year**, an **Engagement Manager** and a member of the **Leadership Team**, who work together to provide bespoke support. Your child's **Form Tutor** is a vital part of this network, building strong daily relationships and acting as the first point of contact for parents. This layered system ensures that students always have someone to turn to for advice or a listening ear. Our **SIGNAL Centre** acts as a central hub where our specialist **Lead Mentors** and **Mental Health Co-ordinator** are available to offer support.

We believe that by creating a nurturing and supportive environment, we empower our students to overcome barriers, build resilience and be the very best they can be, both inside and outside the classroom.

You can read more about our dedication to pastoral care, our unique transition programme and our commitment to wellbeing in our Curriculum and Wellbeing booklet.

Specialist Support

Beyond our core pastoral team, our comprehensive inclusion provision ensures that every student's specific needs are met.

Our Inclusion Centre, which houses our **OASIS** and **SIGNAL** teams, is the welcoming heart of our support. OASIS includes our dedicated team of learning support assistants and SENDCos. We are proud to provide extensive support for our students with special educational needs and disabilities, ensuring they are not only cared for but also make accelerated progress across the curriculum. We also welcome external professionals, including a counsellor and an art therapist, and we know our students love the presence of our friendly school dog, Buddy, and the other therapy dogs who visit our campus.

SIGNAL is home to our Inclusion team, including our on-site **Safeguarding Team** - a key part of our provision, ensuring all young people have a safe place to go with any concerns, no matter how small.

Our **Attendance Team** works proactively with families to ensure regular school attendance, which we believe lays the foundation for all achievement. They offer personalised mentoring and support to understand and address concerns.

Our commitment to positive mental health underpins all that we do. It is at the heart of our unique, extensive **Transition Programme** which goes above and beyond to ensure new students feel confident and comfortable from their very first day, providing a smooth and reassuring move from primary to secondary education.

Testimonials

Year 11 families would recommend The Bulmershe School

We are grateful for the trust our community places in us and are proud to serve families with care, commitment and ambition for every student. We are incredibly proud that a remarkable 92% of our Year 11 families would recommend The Bulmershe School, with over half of them enthusiastically doing so. Our families consistently highlight the supportive, caring and high-achieving environment that defines our school community. Here is some of the feedback we have received:

“We have been so impressed with The Bulmershe School throughout, which made the decision to stay on in Sixth Form easy.”
- Parent

“The headteacher, together with governors and senior team, provide strong leadership”
- Ofsted

“The revision sessions and staff support made an unbelievable difference to my daughter’s confidence.”
- Parent

“I would wholeheartedly recommend the school to prospective parents due to the inclusiveness”
- Parent

“This is a great school where pupil’s individuality is acknowledge and respected then nurtured and nourished to give them the opportunity to be the best they can be”
- Ofsted

“You are absolutely great at providing pastoral care.”
- Parent

“Students work well together to support each other’s learning and will work independently of the teacher, even on challenging activities.”
- Ofsted

“We are exceptionally pleased with the support and one-to-one care given to our son during his transition to secondary school!”
- Parent





Leadership Opportunities

Student voice leading the way

At The Bulmershe School, you're more than just a student – you're a future leader, a mentor and a role model in the making. Our school is a place where every voice is heard and every student is given the opportunity to grow, take on responsibility and make a real difference. We believe these experiences are vital for building the confidence, essential life skills and sense of community needed for a successful future.

From the moment you arrive, there are opportunities to get involved. In your first few years, you might become a **Student Runner**, a **Tour Guide** for new families or a **Reading Buddy** for younger students. As you progress, you could support others as an **Academic Mentor** or run events as a **Sports Leader**. Our students also take on roles as **Library Assistants** and gain valuable skills through programmes like The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. A powerful **Student Council** is a vital part of our school community, giving students a real voice and the opportunity to work directly with staff to improve the school.

Head Students lead the Council, gathering views from all year groups to present to the Leadership Team. All students can see the tangible impact of their ideas when replies and actions are shared in assemblies and tutor time. The Council's work extends beyond the school, raising significant amounts for charity and encouraging a spirit of active citizenship.

Becoming a **Peer Mentor** is another highly valued opportunity for our students. By helping anxious students navigate their transition from primary to secondary school, mentors develop empathy, communication and problem-solving skills. The experience also showcases a capacity to guide, motivate and inspire, providing a solid foundation for university applications and future employment. Whatever your strengths, our leadership pathways are designed to help you find your voice, build confidence and grow in every direction. We are incredibly proud of how our students rise to meet these challenges.



Raising Aspiration

Raising Achievement

At The Bulmershe School, our vision is to be an ambitious and inspirational place of learning, where every student is valued and encouraged to achieve the success they deserve. Our high standards and personalised approach ensure that students leave us as well-qualified individuals, ready for training, employment or the next stage of their education.

We believe that every child needs a challenge to bring out their best. We set ambitious, but realistic targets for each student and our teachers provide clear 'next steps' advice in every lesson, helping students to make consistent progress. This tailored approach is supported by an unrivalled commitment to parent partnerships; every term, you will receive information on your child's progress, their attitude to learning and their aspirational targets.

We celebrate hard work and a commitment to our core values, rewarding students with achievement points, celebration assemblies and Headteacher's Awards. This culture of high expectations ensures that our students make excellent progress throughout their time with us, building the skills and confidence to succeed in the future.



Partnerships

Connected for success

We believe that education is a collective effort, and we are incredibly proud of the strong partnerships that enrich our students' learning journey. We know that **collaboration between home and school** is the key to academic success, and we place a strong emphasis on your involvement in your child's education. We maintain regular contact through newsletters, academic progress reports and parent evenings, and we invite you to celebrate your child's successes throughout the year.

We are proud to belong to the **Corvus Learning Trust**. This partnership enables us to share expertise and best practice with a family of schools who share our core values, ensuring a high-quality educational experience for every student. We also work closely with our network of local primary and secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition and to share expertise in key areas.

Beyond education, we have strong links with local businesses and sports organisations, providing students with unique opportunities to gain industry expertise and real-world experience. Our Careers Team ensures students are well-prepared for their future by exposing them to industry leaders through enterprise schemes and careers fairs. These vital connections and collaborations are what make our school such a strong and supportive community.



Sixth Form

Strong springboard to your future

The Bulmershe Sixth Form is an environment where you can enjoy the independence of college, with a greater focus on self-directed study and reduced hours, while still benefiting from the familiar, personalised support you are used to in school. Our students are part of a vibrant community that offers a wealth of leadership opportunities you won't find at a typical sixth form college, allowing you to not only thrive academically but also to grow as an individual.

We are incredibly proud of the Sixth Form Curriculum we have developed, which boasts a wide range of courses to cater to every student's learning style and ambition. We offer a rich curriculum that includes both A-levels and vocational Level 3 courses, as well as the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Our students are given the freedom to pursue subjects that match their ability and passion. We are dedicated to ensuring every student achieves their full potential to follow their chosen path, whether that be further education, an apprenticeship or employment.

This commitment to our students' future is evident in our strong partnerships with local and regional businesses, which provide excellent career advice and work experience placements. Our results reflect this dedication, with our Sixth Form performing above average nationally, and well above average in many subjects.

Beyond academics, our Sixth Form has a purposeful atmosphere built on a genuine partnership between staff and students. As

senior members of the school community, our Sixth Formers are role models and leaders. They take on key roles such as mentors and reading buddies for younger students, develop their skills through our diverse enrichment programme and participate in school productions and events. We ensure that independent work is supported through timetabled supervised study lessons in our Study Centre, ensuring all students are on track.

As our Sixth Form Head Students put it, *"Bulmershe is a school of opportunity, aspiration and success. Since Year 7 we have been presented with many academic and extra-curricular opportunities which have been not only challenging and enjoyable, but will leave us with life-long memories."*

We invite you to experience our Sixth Form in action. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit or attend our Open Evening event in November.





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