



Inspiration & Excellence



Welcome to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

WHO WE ARE

Bishop Vesey's Grammar School is a historic yet forward-looking community, founded in 1527.

For nearly 500 years, we have combined strong academic tradition with a commitment to service, character and opportunity, evolving with each generation.

From our origins under Bishop John Vesey to our outstanding modern academy, we are proud of our rich heritage, vibrant community and the achievements of our pupils past and present.

VISION

Our mission is inspiration and excellence. We want all our learners, irrespective of background, to be scholars, well equipped for life beyond school, with a deep knowledge, understanding and life-long enthusiasm for the subjects they are studying.

Through our curricular and extra-curricular provision, we want to develop students of excellent character, responsible global citizens, who will make the world a better place through their kindness, thoughtfulness, confidence and resilience.

Founded in 1527, our mission is to strive for inspiration and excellence in everything that we do.



VALUES

- Inspirational teaching and outstanding learning.
- Academic excellence, a spirit of enquiry and curiosity.
- Enrichment opportunities building leadership, independence and resilience.
- A warm, outward-looking and supportive community celebrating and promoting diversity and equality, actively anti-discrimination.





OUR CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

Philosophy

Bishop Vesey's Grammar School is an expanding six form entry boys' grammar school converter academy situated in a pleasant environment of North East Birmingham, close to Sutton Park. Boys are selected for admission to the school on the basis of grammar school tests adopted by the Grammar Schools of Birmingham Consortium. The school has 1460 students with a large co-educational sixth form of 500 students.

We seek an inspirational and qualified teacher with excellent communication skills to join our ambitious and forward-looking school. An ability to teach Chemistry from GCSE is essential, the ability to teach up to A level is desirable. Candidates for teaching posts at the school are expected to show a willingness to participate in the extra-curricular activities we offer students. We warmly welcome applications from ECT's or experienced teachers.

Teaching and Learning

Chemistry is a dynamic department which places innovation in teaching and learning at the core of its practice. It has a very strong reputation both within and outside of the school, which is supported by excellent records of exam success.

Key Stage 3 Science

At Key Stage 3, Year 7 pupils are taught in groups of approximately 32 students, in Year 8 and 9, students are in groups of approximately 26 students. All students follow the AQA specifications.

Chemistry Key Stage 4/5 and exam results

Students follow the AQA specification with the expectation that the majority of students sit the separate higher paper. In 2025, 83% of our entry achieved grades 9-7 at GCSE level.

“Not only has BVGS accepted my son with open arms. but each teacher has also made him feel safe, treated him as an individual and encouraged him.

I've never known my son so happy, so confident, so enthusiastic and well balanced!”

Parent of Current Year
10 Student

In the Sixth Form, Chemistry is very popular. We are joined by students from other schools. Around 180 students take Chemistry at A level, including 100 in Lower Sixth on a linear A-level course. We operate four teaching sets in Upper Sixth and in Lower Sixth. The AQA specification 7404 and 7405 is followed. In 2025, 81 % of our entry achieved a grade A*/B at A level.

Other information

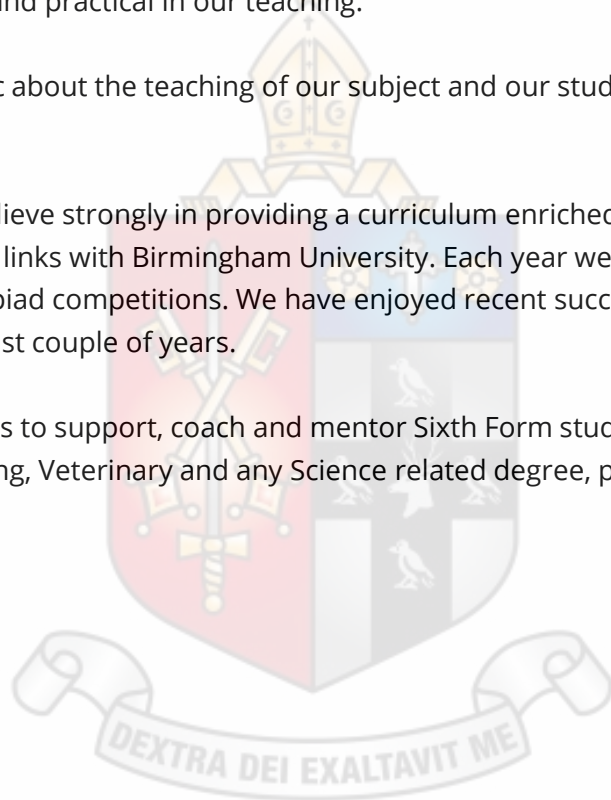
There are currently five Chemistry teachers, including the Head of Department who usually have teaching groups in all years. There is excellent support from a full time, well-qualified technician; this means that we can be innovative, up-to-date and practical in our teaching.

The department is enthusiastic about the teaching of our subject and our students are able and want to succeed.

The Chemistry Department believe strongly in providing a curriculum enriched with extra-curricular opportunities. We have strong links with Birmingham University. Each year we enter A-level students for the L63C and Chemistry Olympiad competitions. We have enjoyed recent success with our first students achieving gold awards in the last couple of years.

We are looking for a willingness to support, coach and mentor Sixth Form students interested in pursuing careers in Medicine, Engineering, Veterinary and any Science related degree, particularly Chemistry.

May 2026





Teacher of Chemistry
0.6 FTE Vacancy
12 months FTC
Required September
2026 until August 2027
MPR/UPR

R&R allowance available for suitable

candidate

We have an exciting opportunity for you to join one of Britain's top state schools. Judged Outstanding in all aspects by OFSTED in May 2024. We are seeking a dynamic and inspirational Teacher of Chemistry who has the ability to engage, enthuse and motivate able pupils. You will be passionate about learning and able to demonstrate a range of behaviour management strategies and teaching skills. You will possess excellent communication skills to teach throughout the age range including A' level.

We encourage applications from ECT's or experienced teachers to join a department which:

- Has an outstanding record of GCSE and A Level results.
- Has a friendly, supportive, talented hard-working teaching team
- Has a strong commitment to the extra-curricular life of the school

In return we can offer:

- The opportunity to work with highly motivated, dedicated and enthusiastic students
- Commitment to continuing professional career development and support
- The opportunity to work in a caring and nurturing environment and to get involved in a broad spectrum of extra-curricular activities
- An Employee Assistance Programme
- Competitive Pension Scheme (Teacher Pension Scheme)

For further details and an application form please visit our website: www.bvgs.co.uk

Informal enquiries and visits are welcome by contacting the Recruitment Team at recruitment@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk

- Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 15th May 2026.
- Interviews will take place w/b Monday 18th May 2026.

Bishop Vesey's Grammar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check together with Identity, Right to Work, Prohibition Order, pre-placement medical and verification of qualification checks are requirements for this post.

We will carry out an online search about you for information that is publicly available online. This will include social media accounts you may hold. This will only be carried out on shortlisted candidates and before interview. This processing of data will be conducted under the legal basis of Article 6(e) public task in line with the guidance laid out in para 221 of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2023. Any data collected during this search will be retained in line with our retention schedule which is available on request. You are encouraged to read our safeguarding policy which can be found on our website.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020). This means that certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected' and do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-guidance-on-the-rehabilitation-of-offenders-act-1974>