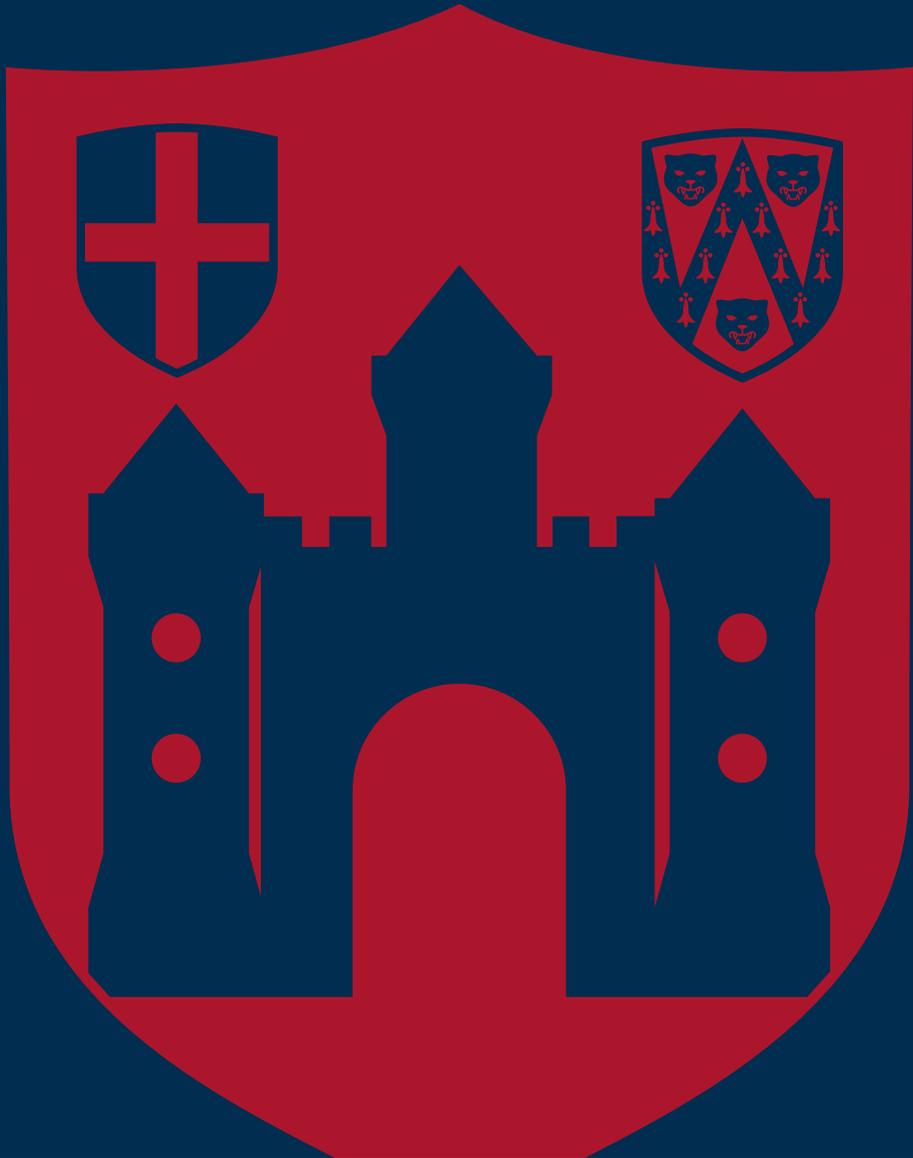




**BRIDGNORTH**  
**Endowed**

Be Your Best





# Welcome

By setting high standards – not only in academic study but in all aspects of our school community – we seek to inspire students to be their best.

Our vision is to realise the full potential of each individual by providing an engaging curriculum, personalised levels of challenge and excellent support. Through a spirit of discovery and a sense of fun, we nurture a love of learning while also developing the transferable skills, mutual respect and resilience required for success later in life.

In addition, we offer a rich programme of extra-curricular activities through which students can follow their passions, develop their teamwork, learn new skills and enhance their leadership abilities.

Many of our young people stay on to join our thriving Sixth Form, which provides a wealth of exciting opportunities. The post-sixteen experience at Bridgnorth Endowed has proven to be an excellent platform from which students can launch into higher education – including Russell Group universities – an apprenticeship or employment.

This prospectus can only provide a snapshot of the vibrant and varied life of the school, so please feel free to arrange a visit in order to see our vision in action.

Phil Loveday  
Headteacher

“There has never been a better time to be at Bridgnorth Endowed School. We are aiming for excellence.”

MARK FREATHY, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



# Learning is for life

A dynamic curriculum, inspirational staff and outstanding facilities combine to provide students with a great foundation for academic success and an insight into the benefits of lifelong learning.

Our curriculum is designed to be responsive to national priorities, local needs and the interests of individual students. Excellent communication between teachers, teaching assistants and our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator ensures that each student receives the appropriate level of stretch and support.

Children in Years 7 and 8 follow our Foundation Phase curriculum, which uses the Opening Minds

programme of theme-based learning to develop thinking skills, resourcefulness and teamwork. An accelerated reading scheme helps to nurture a love of reading and there is an emphasis on intervention to support literacy or numeracy where required.

Students in Years 9 to 11 work to our Development Phase curriculum, studying a combination of core subjects and options that can include vocational courses as well as academic ones.

The library is a hub of learning with a real buzz of activity at any time of the school day. Our desire to promote digital literacy

is underpinned by the availability of several IT suites and a reliance on our VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) for communication, homework and revision. Feedback is routinely given to students and shared with families at parents' evenings and through six reports per year.

Those facing exams can take advantage of breakfast and half-term revision clubs. In addition, older students help younger ones by acting as subject mentors, while Sixth Formers run 'Club 55' to support Years 7 and 8 with their homework.



“Teaching is improving overall in all key stages, including the Sixth Form.”

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# Caring for one another

We take pride in the strength of our pastoral support and work hard to foster a sense of family in the school.

Our ethos of concern for students' wellbeing begins in the transition process – staff visit the local primary schools, prospective students can attend a Summer School as well as a taster day and we welcome Year 7s exclusively on the first day of the school year to help them settle in.

The system of vertical tutoring in our three houses – Rowley, Hardwicke and Washbrook – allows students of all ages to support one another. Weekly

house assemblies and termly whole-school assemblies promote our shared values and enhance students' personal development. Our canteen offers freshly cooked, nutritious meals through a choice of four outlets, with biometric technology used to minimise queues.

Tutors monitor student welfare, ably supported by a Pastoral Manager and a Learning Mentor for each of the three phases – Foundation, Development and Sixth Form. Our young people also have access to a counsellor and a life coach, while staff liaise as required with external agencies. From Year 7, tutors create a Careers Pathway

Tracker for each student to record intentions and raise aspirations. Dedicated careers education from Year 8 means that students benefit from guidance on option subjects, work experience and post-16 choices from our Careers Co-ordinator and the local Connexions Advisor, as well as their subject teachers and tutor.

With a strong reward culture to support attendance, effort and behaviour, there is a healthy spirit of competition for BEST points, which lead to the award of termly prizes and the coveted House Cup.



“Students routinely show respect for staff and for each other.”

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# Enjoying every opportunity

We are committed to providing a diverse programme of extra-curricular activities through which students develop their skills, enjoy camaraderie and deepen their understanding of the world.

With a huge range of clubs – from archery to zumba – there are many opportunities for students to display their sporting and creative talents. The school benefits from its own leisure centre – featuring a swimming pool and fitness suite plus badminton and squash courts – as well as an astro turf pitch, tennis courts, netball courts and extensive sports fields. Students

are able to develop and showcase their sporting skills through regular inter-house and inter-school matches, international tours and our annual Sports Day.

Many students take advantage of music tuition, which is offered in a wide range of instruments. There are also many opportunities for the choir and orchestra to perform, including the flagship annual production, the Christmas carol service and our Summer Soirée.

Our young people enjoy educational day trips and residential stays, both in the UK

and overseas. They have the opportunity to broaden their outlook, develop their endurance and enhance their collaborative skills through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme – at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels – the John Muir Award for environmental work and World Challenge expeditions. Life at Bridgnorth Endowed is further enriched through a range of cultural experiences – such as theatre trips – and visits to the school by authors, athletes, artists, scientists and business leaders who inspire students to aim high.



“Creativity and enjoyment are central to our success.”

PHIL LOVEDAY, HEADTEACHER



# Developing

## confidence and character

As well as building transferable skills in our young people, we aim to develop the self-assurance and fortitude that will help them succeed in life and make a positive contribution to society.

Students can represent their peers through the School Council, led by the Head Girl and Head Boy; produce 'BESPOKE', the school magazine; and apply for a range of responsible roles including House Captain and ICT Leader. They can also develop their leadership abilities through the 'Step into Sport' project and the Social Enterprise Qualification.

Our young people devise and participate in fundraising activities for the local, national and international charities selected by the Charities Committee. In addition to links to schools in China and Gambia, we have a partner school in Tanzania that is supported by 'Taste of Tanzania', a project run by our Sixth Formers to fund the education of orphans by marketing Tanzanian coffee. Through our foreign exchanges and other visits – including one recently to the school in Tanzania – we are proud to have achieved the International School Award and, through their commitment to the environment, students have

also achieved the Eco-Schools Bronze Award.

We have forged strong links with the local community through student visits to care homes and primary schools, as well as the fundraising activities of BESA, our PTA. We invite local employers to participate in our biennial Careers and Jobs Convention and – in the intervening year – our Higher Education Fair. In addition, our partnership with Bridgnorth Aluminium has secured exciting opportunities for students to develop their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) skills.



“Students receive good quality independent careers advice from Year 8, including in the Sixth Form.”

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