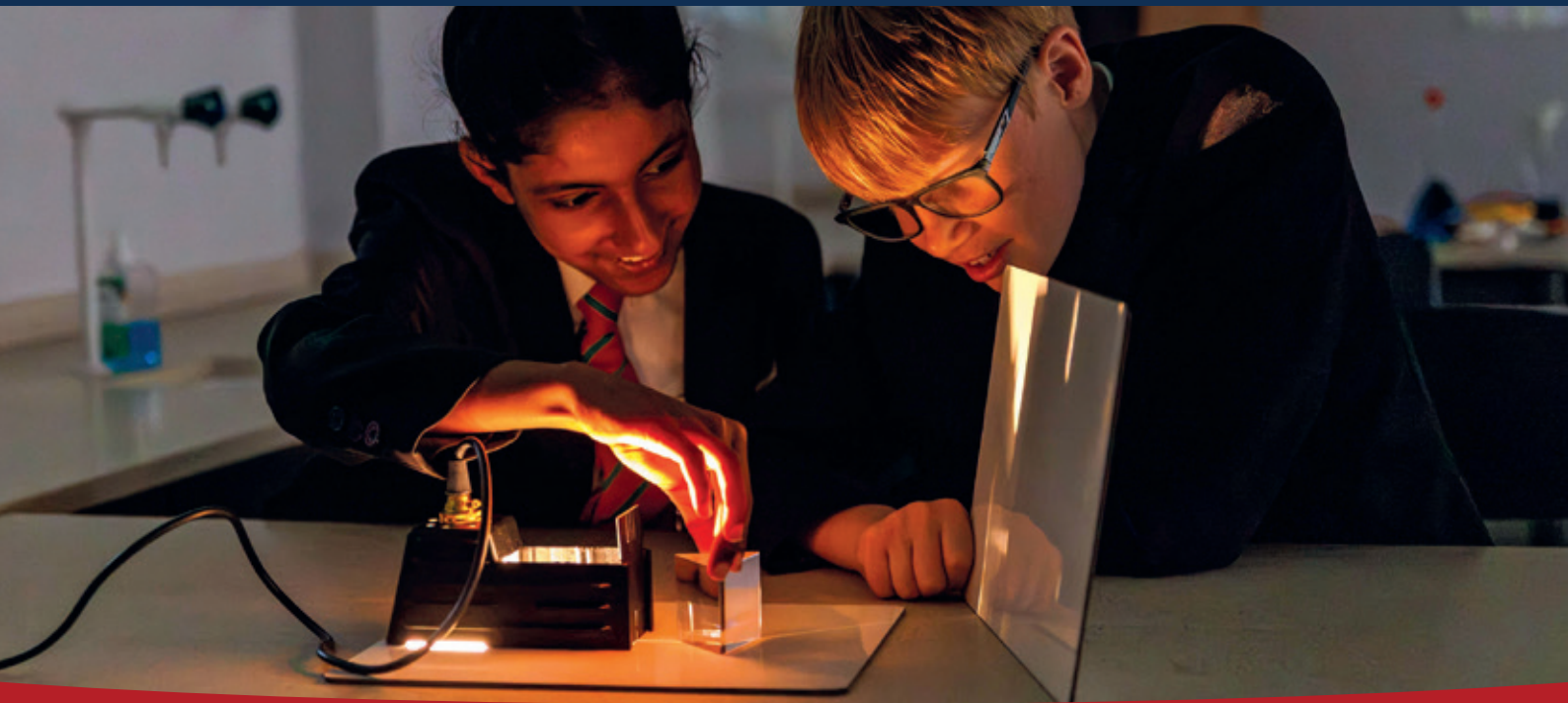




Welcome to
Bideford College



Prospectus



WELCOME From the Principal

Welcome to **Bideford College**, a vibrant and thriving learning community nestled in the coastal town of Bideford in North Devon. We are immensely proud of our inclusive ethos, where every student is valued, challenged, and supported to achieve their very best.

Within these pages, you will discover more about our commitment to providing a broad and balanced education, delivered within a state-of-the-art environment and underpinned by exceptional pastoral care.

We believe in nurturing well-rounded individuals who are not only academically successful but also kind, responsible, and equipped to make their mark on the world. We invite you to explore what makes Bideford College a special place to learn and grow, and we look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Dr Claire Ankers
Principal





Here at Bideford College, we believe in the power of aspiration and actively encourage our students to dream big. We foster a supportive and inspiring environment where ambition is nurtured, and possibilities are limitless. Through a challenging yet encouraging curriculum and exposure to diverse opportunities, we empower students to identify their passions, set ambitious goals, and develop the resilience and determination to pursue them. We celebrate their individuality and encourage them to think beyond the horizon, equipping them with the skills and confidence to become the innovators, leaders, and change-makers of tomorrow. We are not just preparing students for the future; we are helping them shape it.







Kindness is another of our school values, woven into the fabric of our daily interactions and expectations. We actively cultivate an environment where empathy, respect, and compassion flourish. Through our pastoral care program and everyday encouragement, students learn the importance of understanding and supporting one another. We celebrate acts of kindness, big and small, fostering a culture where consideration for others is paramount. By nurturing kind hearts and thoughtful actions, we empower our students to build positive relationships, contribute meaningfully to their community, and navigate the world with empathy and understanding.







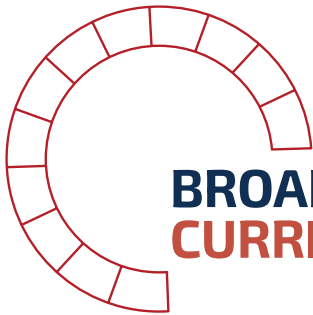
TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

At Bideford College we believe that fostering a strong sense of responsibility is crucial for personal growth and success. We empower our students to understand the impact of their choices and to take ownership of their actions, both inside and outside the classroom. Through clear expectations, consistent guidance, and opportunities for self-reflection, students learn to be accountable for their learning, their behaviour, and their contributions to the school community.

We encourage them to learn from their mistakes, to take initiative, and to understand the importance of reliability and integrity. By cultivating this sense of responsibility, we equip our students with the essential life skills needed to navigate challenges, build trust, and become proactive and ethical members of society.







BROAD AND BALANCED CURRICULUM

Our dedicated teachers are committed to the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum, designed to ignite curiosity and foster a lifelong love of learning in every student.

We offer a rich tapestry of subjects, from the core disciplines of English, mathematics, and science to the humanities, arts, and technology, ensuring a well-rounded education that caters to diverse interests and talents. This approach not only

equips students with essential knowledge and skills but also encourages critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving abilities, preparing them to thrive in an ever-evolving world. Through engaging teaching methodologies and a wealth of extracurricular opportunities, we empower our students to explore their passions, discover their strengths, and develop into confident, well-informed, and responsible global citizens.





Extracurricular and enrichment

Beyond the academic curriculum, Bideford College offers a dynamic and extensive range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities, carefully curated to broaden horizons, ignite passions, and cultivate new skills. From energetic sporting clubs and expressive creative arts societies to the challenging Ten Tors expedition and the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, alongside exhilarating ski trips and enriching outdoor adventure activities, there is a wealth of choice to inspire every student's interest. These invaluable experiences

provide exceptional platforms for students to collaborate effectively, develop crucial leadership skills, explore their unique talents, and forge lasting friendships.

Whether performing on stage, competing on the sports field, engaging in stimulating debates on current affairs, or actively volunteering within the local community, our diverse program significantly enriches the academic journey and empowers students to discover their full potential, fostering the development of well-rounded and engaged individuals.



At Bideford College, the wellbeing of each student is central to our ethos, and our dedicated pastoral care system provides a truly nurturing and supportive environment where every individual can flourish. From our committed tutors, who offer daily guidance and act as a first point of contact, to our experienced and compassionate pastoral team, we are deeply invested in fostering the holistic social, emotional, and academic development of each child. We place the highest priority on open and honest communication, actively listening to our students and forging strong partnerships with parents to address any concerns promptly and provide personalised support.



Through proactive and comprehensive initiatives focused on promoting positive mental health, building resilience, and cultivating a strong sense of belonging within our community, we ensure that our students feel safe, valued, and fully empowered to achieve their maximum potential, both in their studies and in their personal lives.

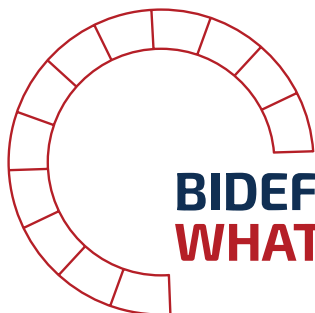




Buildings

Our commitment to providing an exceptional learning environment is evident in our state-of-the-art facilities and purpose-built building. Designed with modern pedagogy in mind, our classrooms are bright, spacious, and equipped with the latest technology to enhance teaching and learning. Specialist areas, such as our science laboratories, design and technology workshops, and creative arts studios, offer dedicated spaces for hands-on exploration and innovation.

Beyond the classroom, students benefit from outstanding resources including a well-stocked library, extensive sports fields, and a multi-purpose hall, all carefully designed to support a wide range of academic, physical, and extracurricular activities. This investment in our infrastructure ensures that our students have access to the very best resources to excel in their studies and pursue their passions.



BIDEFORD COLLEGE WHAT'S IT LIKE?



What our students say...

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I feel like the teachers genuinely care about your future and try and help you everyday so you can get a good job and have a nice life.

Year 9 student

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***I had a great experience from Year 7 to Year 11.
I wouldn't have gone anywhere else apart from
Bideford College Sixth Form***

Year 12 student

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I'm learning a lot in my lessons, made lots of new friends and it feels like I have been here ages even though it's only been 3 weeks!

Year 7 student

What our parents say...

I cannot fault the support in place for my daughter and I get regular updates from the staff that know her best.

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My son has had so many opportunities beyond the classroom that have given him so much confidence.

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My child is happy to go to school everyday and that's the most important thing for me as a parent.



We warmly encourage you to experience the Bideford College difference firsthand by arranging a personal tour. Come and witness the vibrant atmosphere, explore our exceptional facilities, and meet our dedicated staff who make our community so special.

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to showcase all that Bideford College has to offer your child's educational journey.



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