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HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Joe Crane

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER & HEAD OF SIXTH

Welcome! Choosing what to study at post 16 is a very exciting time. Let us help you achieve your full potential, whether that be further study at University, an apprenticeship or full time employment.

We have an extremely positive Sixth Form ethos in the College and students enjoy being part of this community. Our aim is to support our students as individuals to ensure that they are happy, fulfilled and ultimately successful in their chosen pathway.

As well as academic achievement, Bodmin College has a long-standing tradition of providing numerous enrichment opportunities for you to explore during your time in the Sixth Form. We believe that these opportunities underpin our innovative and inclusive curriculum and that we have something to offer everyone, providing you with both challenging and rewarding learning experiences.

Every year, we welcome many new students from neighbouring schools and from abroad, as well as maintaining the long standing tradition of students progressing to the Sixth Form from our own College.

The level of care and guidance we offer is second to none and a key feature of our Sixth Form provision. The Sixth Form pastoral team and specialist subject staff consistently monitor student progress to provide relevant feedback both to students and parents. We believe that our friendly and adult approach to our students, alongside high-quality teaching, fosters excellent relationships and provides the working environment that encourages and motivates students to succeed.

I hope that you find this prospectus informative. We would welcome any additional enquiries by phone or email. Furthermore, if you would like to arrange a personalised visit to tour the College we would always look forward to welcoming you and your family to visit our campus.

'After being invited and attending many interviews, I felt that, for me, joining Bodmin College Sixth Form had numerous advantages with so much individual support, really good facilities and excellent teachers and Personal Tutors. I loved my time at the College and will be forever grateful to the staff who guided and supported me through to university.'

'Joining a Sixth Form College was absolutely the right decision. Throughout my time at Bodmin College, my confidence grew because of the high levels of personal care.'

'For me, because it is such a close community, Bodmin College Sixth Form is somewhere where you are acknowledged for who you are.'

'There's something for everyone here with a big college experience, delivered in a personalised manner that makes you know you're special and that you matter.'





A LEVEL

EXPLAINED

The majority of A-Levels are now linear, which means that students will be externally examined at the end of the two year course. It is still possible to gain an AS qualification in a subject after one year, however this will need to be by negotiation with the Head of Department. An AS is now only worth 40% of the final A-Level. A-Levels are marked on an A*-E grading system.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to enrol into the Sixth Form you will need to have achieved a minimum of five Grade 4 passes at GCSE. However, if you wish to study Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Psychology or a Language, you will be better equipped to cope with the demands of these courses if you have achieved at least a Grade 6. Students will be required to resit English and Mathematics, alongside their chosen subjects, at an appropriate level whilst studying in the Sixth Form if you achieved below a Grade 4 at GCSE.

We may consider lower grade entry to enrol on any of the Level 2 Vocational courses, but the decision will be based significantly on any experience you may have had in this area, the results of an interview and your commitment to the course.

BTEC|CAMTEC| VTCT

EXPLAINED

NBusiness and Technology Council qualifications (BTEC) and Cambridge Technical qualifications (CAMTEC) are work related and competency-based. They provide a high quality alternative to A-Levels with a variety of subjects to choose from. Students are assessed using different methods that include practical work, coursework and exams. Students are graded Pass, Merit or Distinction in these courses with a wide variety of universities accepting these qualifications.

Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) is a specialist awarding and assessment organisation offering vocational and technical qualifications in a range of service sectors. Success in this qualification often leads to full time employment within that industry. These qualifications can be taken alongside A-Level subjects.

You may have a lower grade entry profile to enrol on any of the vocational courses at Level 2, but the decision will be based more significantly on your commitment to the course, any experience you may have had in this area and the results of an interview.

Any students not meeting entry requirements will be considered through a personal interview for an alternative programme that is appropriate to their ability and aspirations.

WILLIAM CLIFT ACADEMY

Mentors meet once a term and email out opportunities to students regularly.

The Medical Academy meets very regularly and provides lots of opportunities, including work experience and visits from medical students.

Students and parents can request to join 'William Clift Academy' on Facebook for aspirational opportunities.

EXTRAS

There are opportunities for you to gain an Extended Project Award in a related field. Through supported independent study, you can gain additional UCAS points by undertaking research in an area of personal interest.

- ◆ Mock interviews are arranged, often with external people e.g. a local midwife or vet
- ◆ Bespoke work experience and careers advice - support is given when students want help with finding work experience
- ◆ Help given with summer school applications e.g. Sutton Trust Summer School and US application
- ◆ Links with alumni: ex-students are brought back to link with current students for mentoring support/ sharing their journeys and vital career advice
- ◆ Apprenticeships opportunities (local and degree apprenticeships)
- ◆ Local workshops/volunteering

PATHWAYS

The William Clift Academy involves mentoring in a range of career pathways:

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| ◆ Teaching | ◆ Oxbridge |
| ◆ Law | ◆ Visual Arts |
| ◆ Engineering | ◆ Performing Arts |
| ◆ Arts & Humanities | ◆ Social Sciences |
| ◆ Medicine | ◆ Sport |
| ◆ Veterinary & Dentistry | ◆ Architecture |
| ◆ Sciences | ◆ IT |
| ◆ Film, Journalism & Media | ◆ Maths |
| ◆ Business & Finance | ◆ Creative Writing |



UNIVERSITY LINKS

- ◆ Partner with Marjon University (lower offer, guaranteed interview/ place at Summer School)
- ◆ Partner with Falmouth University (guaranteed interview/lower offer)
- ◆ Partner with Exeter University (Exeter Progression Scheme - lower offer)
- ◆ Contextual Offer from Bristol/Warwick/UCL Manchester (postcode dependent for some)
- ◆ Bournemouth University - Summer School
- ◆ Summer Schools
- ◆ Strong links with both Plymouth, Bath and Loughborough
- ◆ Realising Opportunities
- ◆ Coachbright
- ◆ Scholars' programmes - Exeter, Bath, Reading etc.



HOW IS 'LIFE' IN THE SIXTH FORM DIFFERENT?

There are many factors which will make studying in the Sixth Form a rewarding and enjoyable experience for you. It is important to make the most of your time, and this means not only working hard with your academic studies, but also becoming involved in the many other opportunities on offer. Universities and employers favor students who have demonstrated leadership skills or participated in additional activities in the College or wider community.

In Sixth Form you can look forward to:

- ◆ Being taught by subject specialists in all areas of the curriculum
- ◆ Being treated as an adult and given increasing levels of responsibility over your studies
- ◆ Not having to wear school uniform (but it is required that you dress appropriately)
- ◆ The Common Room and a range of other dedicated areas to support Sixth Form study
- ◆ Specialising in fewer subjects, which you will study at much greater depth
- ◆ A personal tutor to support your UCAS or Job Application
- ◆ The option to study from home during non-contact hours
- ◆ The Enrichment Programme - see following pages for details
- ◆ Having the flexibility to have lunch off site, if you so wish
- ◆ The 16-19 Bursary Fund
- ◆ Accessing additional Leadership Courses and Qualifications
- ◆ The William Clift Academy and The Accessing Professions Programme
- ◆ Free membership to the Sports Academy Gym.
- ◆ Reduced rates for hair and beauty treatments and computer maintenance
- ◆ Employability Hub and Careers Advisor
- ◆ Student Services Team with designated Pastoral Support Workers should you experience personal or social difficulties
- ◆ The Crate Café - exclusively for Sixth Form and Staff Members
- ◆ The Wellbeing Centre - a building specifically designed to welcome students wanting to explore their own mental well-being



RESOURCES & FACILITIES

The investment in high quality resources and facilities is integral to our vision of providing outstanding education. With specialist facilities in all curriculum areas, Bodmin College proudly boasts one of the best environments for effective Post 16 education in Cornwall. Mac Suites, Creative Design workspaces, specialist science laboratories and professional standard studios help create exceptional learning spaces that help you achieve the very best outcomes possible.

In addition to the tremendous facilities for academic excellence, there are inspirational creative spaces at our highly acclaimed Vocational Training Centre which blends professional standard resources with education, to permit you to both enjoy and get the most from your studies.

The Sixth Form has a purpose built Common Room, a Student Services Office and a quiet Study Area with access to high specification computers and a Higher Education Resource Library; the Common Room is a large indoor social area with comfortable seating, a pool table, music system and refreshment available via a vending machine. You can relax with friends either inside or on the decked area just outside.

The Crate Café was introduced by a former Student Council and now runs successfully each year, exclusively for Sixth Form Students and Staff members. It has daily specials, fresh coffee, cakes and hot food available daily from 8am.

Our onsite gym means you are entitled to free membership and have access to not only the facilities, but also personalised and group training programmes.

Our vocational centres are always offering students and staff the chance to use their services, whether that be at the Hair or Beauty Salon or fixing your laptop over at ICT Practitioners for discounted rates.

Our Library and departmental resource areas, feature not only computer access, but also a comprehensive range of literature that will support you through your studies and into university, employment and/or training.

Learning and leisure are merged at Bodmin College into an environment that accommodates not only our aim of providing the very best learning experiences, but also excellent pastoral care and the motivational drive to ensure you have, and enjoy, a wide range of additional opportunities supported by qualified staff and your Personal Tutors.



OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Being a student at Bodmin College is about much more than your classes and is very different to being at school. Throughout your first week, you will be invited to join our Freshers Fair with live bands and a range of activities on offer. The Freshers Fair will provide you with an introduction to our Enrichment Programme, which will deliver an extensive range of opportunities designed to both extend and broaden your experience. In addition to this, the Enrichment Programme gives you the chance to add to your CV or Personal Statement for university, whilst enabling you to meet students taking other courses from across the campus.

You can choose to follow enrichment opportunities that compliment your Programme of Study, participate in the Accessing Professions programme or give something completely new a try. Although we make every attempt to include all requests from previous years into our programme, there is a degree of flexibility and should you and/or your friends wish for us to offer something different then please let us know - we are always eager to extend this programme to meet the interests of all of our students.

AWARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- ◆ Gold Duke of Edinburgh
- ◆ National Arts Leaders Award
- ◆ National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ)
- ◆ Gym Instructor
- ◆ Music Lessons (Including Grade 5 Theory)

'Enrichment activities have allowed me to meet new people and experience a range of activities I had never been involved in before. I would recommend that all students get active and get involved as soon as possible.'

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Arts Ambassadors
- ◆ Oxbridge Group
- ◆ Sixth Form Council
- ◆ Paired Reading
- ◆ Peer Mentoring
- ◆ Sports Academies
- ◆ Ten Tors
- ◆ William Clift Academy
- ◆ Whole College Production

'I thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the Sports Academy. Meeting new friends and having such great coaches really helped and encouraged me to improve my skill levels.'

There are a range of opportunities for you to participate in our Sports Academies for Football, Netball or Rugby and also to engage with outdoor education at Bodmin College through the Dartmoor Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

If you would like to become involved in our musical activities, then you will find that a variety is on offer and include the College Choir, Jazz and Wind Orchestras, Ukulele Group and opportunities to assist with technical support. Exciting opportunities for students to become involved in and audition for, roles in the annual college productions which have seen stars from the West End run workshops and groups with students.

With so many opportunities to play sport or fully immerse yourself in the creative areas of the curriculum there is something for every student enrolled with us.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SIXTH FORM COUNCIL

At Bodmin College, students are encouraged to enjoy themselves, whilst also studying hard to achieve their potential. Our Sixth Form Council is here to voice your opinions and improve quality of provision both for ourselves and for future generations of young people.

As a self-governing body elected by the students for the students, we meet monthly with the Principal of the College, the Director of the Sixth Form and the Assistant Head of Sixth Form in order to enable the effective communication of student ideas for events and improvement. Throughout the last academic year, our influence was quite significant in improving the atmosphere and physical environment of the Sixth Form with new furniture, a coffee bar and an increased number of laptops for students' personal use.

Our role also involves organising events such as the Leavers' Ball, Freshers' Parties and the numerous fundraising activities that occur on a regular basis throughout the year, as well as playing a prominent role as Ambassadors at Open Evenings and mentors for the international students who enrol at the College.

Our Sixth Form College and experience is what we make it, so we aim to make it the very best we can through encouraging you all to participate as a Council Member or, if that is not for you, then through providing us with ideas and inspiration.

We very much hope you choose Bodmin College Sixth Form; it's a fantastic place to study with lots of extra opportunities and inspiring teachers.

BURSARIES FOR 16 TO 19 YEAR OLDS

There are two types of bursaries that are available to apply for:

- ◆ Vulnerable Group Bursary
- ◆ Discretionary Bursary

All students are welcome to apply for a bursary; we will be in touch following a completed application to let you know the outcome. <https://bodmincollegesixthformbursary.applicaa.com/1>

BURSARY FOR STUDENTS IN VULNERABLE GROUPS

You may be able to get a bursary if at least one of the following applies:

- ◆ you're in or you recently left local authority care
- ◆ you get Income Support or Universal Credit because you're financially supporting yourself (i.e. received in your own name)
- ◆ you get Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in your name and either Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit
- ◆ you get Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in your name and either ESA or Universal Credit

The amount you may get depends on the costs you have and what you need for your course. This might include money for books, equipment or travel costs to school or college.

DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

Discretionary Type A - Typically this will be an award to support the costs of transport, given our rural area, priority will be given to transport costs.

In line with schools across the country, this award will be made available to students whose household income falls below £16,190. This is the figure at which Free School Meals can be applied for.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- ◆ Income Support
- ◆ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ◆ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ◆ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ◆ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ◆ Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ◆ Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Apply for Free School Meals here: Apply for free school meals and pupil premium - Cornwall Council

Discretionary Type B - This bursary is for students with a financial need who do not fall into the above categories. Where the total household income is less than £27,500 per annum, applications will be considered, with the priority being for transport costs.





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