

# BODMIN COLLEGE PROSPECTUS 2026/27



**BODMIN**  
COLLEGE



Enabling every child to live a life of choice and boundless opportunities

**AMBITION • INTEGRITY • RESPECT**



## Our mission

To provide an exceptional quality of education so that 100% of students are enabled to live a life full of choice and boundless opportunities.



**English  
and Maths  
at Grade  
5+ above  
national  
averages**

## Welcome from the Headteacher

It is my absolute privilege to be the Headteacher of Bodmin College. At Bodmin College, we strive to ensure that every child not only feels that they belong, but they also know that they truly matter. During their time at school, we want every student to achieve exceptional educational and personal growth. Every child has a different starting point, unique identifies, different passions and interests. Our job is to nurture this, support them to achieve well academically, create opportunities for them to explore new interests and passions, develop opinions about the world around them and learn to truly live our values.

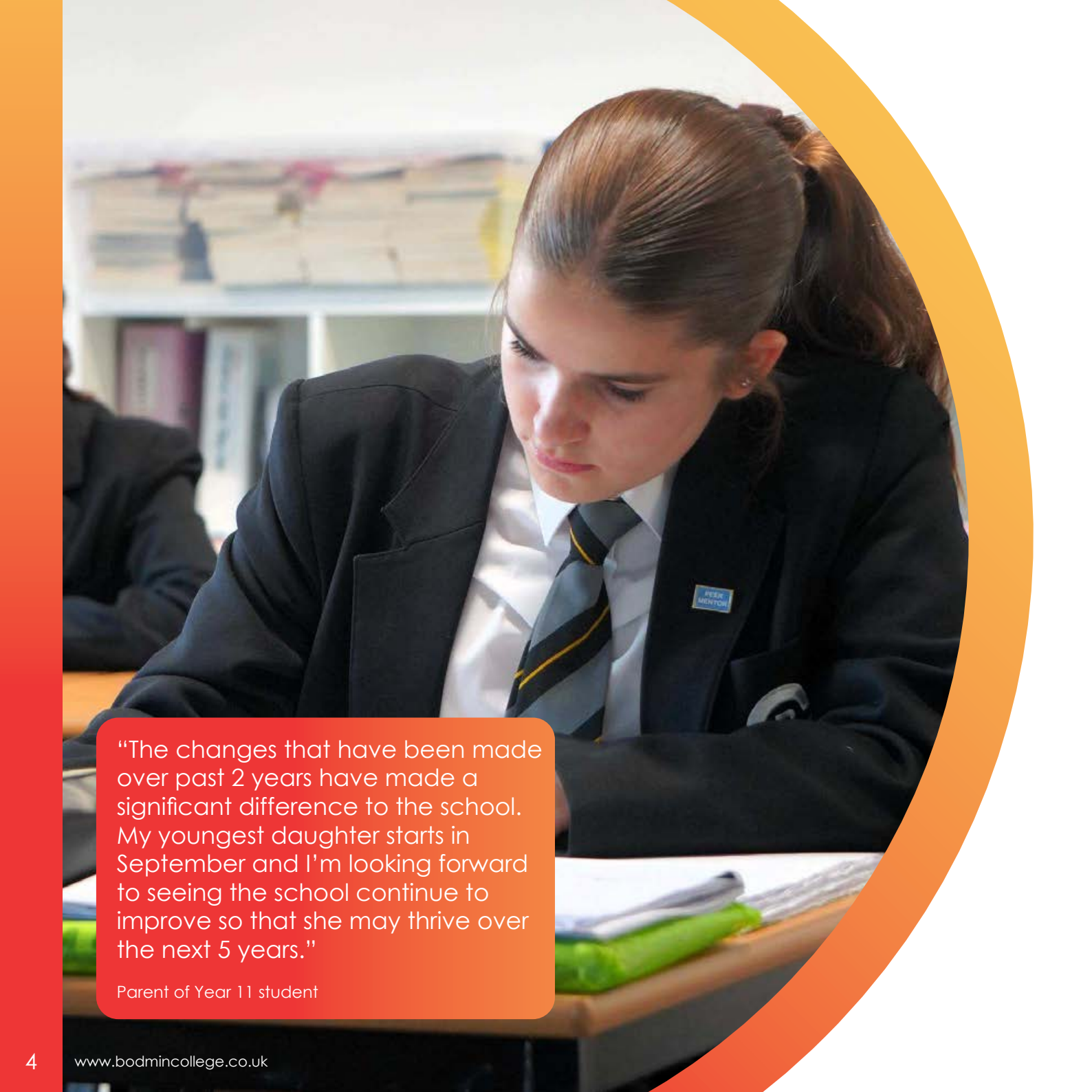
Our whole community have contributed to identifying our three school values: **Ambition**, **Integrity** and **Respect**. Our student leadership team identified that our values should be, "The **AIR** we breathe" recognising that values are more than simply a poster on a wall. We use our values to drive our ambition for every student - to champion them to achieve their full potential, to model and encourage integrity by doing the right thing, because it is the right thing to do and showing respect to each other and our wider community.

Bodmin College is a proud member of Cornwall Education Learning Trust, a family of schools who share the same mission and work collaboratively to share expertise and to support and challenge each other. We are wholly committed to achieving an exceptional educational experience for 100% of learners.

In recent years, the school has transformed to become an inclusive and ambitious school for **every learner**. We are proud of our achievements and committed to working with our community to continue striving to fully realise our mission.

We warmly invite you to visit our school to see our culture first hand.

**Claire White**  
**Headteacher**

A young woman with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a dark school blazer, white shirt, and striped tie, is sitting at a desk. She is looking down at some papers on the desk. In the background, there are bookshelves filled with books. The image is framed by a large orange circular graphic on the right side.

"The changes that have been made over past 2 years have made a significant difference to the school. My youngest daughter starts in September and I'm looking forward to seeing the school continue to improve so that she may thrive over the next 5 years."

Parent of Year 11 student

# 10 Reasons to join Bodmin College

## 1. You belong here

Bodmin College is a welcoming, inclusive community where every student is known, valued and part of something bigger.

## 2. We are ambitious for you

We have high expectations and will challenge you to achieve more than you thought possible through a broad and ambitious curriculum.

## 3. There's something for everyone

Sport, music, drama, art, debate, wellbeing, academic clubs and much more through Bodmin+ mean there are opportunities to discover what you love.

## 4. You'll have experiences you'll never forget

From Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh to residentials, international trips, theatre visits and fieldwork, learning goes far beyond the classroom.

## 5. Bodmin & Beyond makes school different

Our Curriculum Enrichment Week gives students the chance to adventure, travel, try new things, build friendships and make memories.

## 6. You'll be supported to succeed

We recognise that every student is different. Our inclusive approach means identifying what you need and providing the right support while maintaining high expectations.

## 7. Your character matters as much as your grades

Our values of Ambition, Integrity and Respect – the AIR we breathe – are about becoming confident, resilient and respectful young adults, not simply passing exams.

## 8. You'll be prepared for your future

Whether your next step is BCX, our school Sixth Form, college, an apprenticeship, university or employment, we want you to leave with the knowledge, skills, confidence and experiences to succeed. The school's post-16 BCX offer similarly focuses on qualifications, real-world experience and preparation for next steps.

## 9. You'll be encouraged to get involved and lead

School should be something you participate in, not something that simply happens to you. We want students to contribute, take responsibility, develop their talents and make a difference to their community.

## 10. We want your future to be limitless

Everything comes back to one ambition: to provide a great quality of education so that every child can live a life full of choice and boundless opportunities.





## Ambitious curriculum

Our curriculum is ambitious for every student and designed with the intention of giving every learner the confidence, knowledge, and character to live a life of choice and boundless opportunity. It reflects the high aspirations we hold for our young people and our commitment to providing them with a world-class education, rooted in knowledge, opportunity, and personal growth.

At Bodmin College, we work with subject experts across CELT to design and refine a curriculum that is both knowledge-rich and carefully sequenced. This ensures that learning builds progressively year-on-year, allowing students to master core foundations and then apply their understanding with confidence, creativity, and independence. Every subject is planned with clarity of purpose, offering stretch and challenge while ensuring no student is left behind. The curriculum is built on three core pillars that underpin every aspect of school life:

### Academic

- Ambitious in scope
- Broad and balanced
- Knowledge rich
- Develops reading stamina and promotes a love of reading

### Character

- Deepens knowledge of self and others
- Develops good behaviour and builds self-discipline
- Promotes our shared values of ambition, integrity and respect

### Enrichment

- Contextualises learning
- Builds cultural capital
- Develops students' interests and citizenship

Our curriculum goes far beyond preparing students for examinations. It is designed to inspire curiosity, unlock potential, and open doors to the widest possible range of futures. Through the combination of academic rigour, character development, and enrichment opportunities, we ensure that every student at Bodmin College is supported and challenged to become the very best version of themselves — ambitious, resilient, and ready to shape the world around them.



**45,000+**  
hours of  
enrichment  
activities  
completed

## Inspiring teaching

At Bodmin College, teaching is more than the delivery of knowledge- it is the spark that ignites curiosity, ambition, and a lifelong love of learning. We believe that every lesson should be an opportunity for discovery, challenge, and inspiration.

Our classrooms are calm, purposeful spaces where students can focus, engage deeply, and take pride in their learning. This environment allows our teachers to be ambitious, creative, and inspiring in their approach, ensuring that every student is both supported and stretched to achieve their very best.

We are committed to high-quality teaching that blends academic rigour with creativity. Lessons are designed to encourage critical thinking, problem-solving, and independent learning, while also developing the resilience and adaptability that our students will need for future success.

Every member of our teaching staff is passionate about their subject and dedicated to bringing learning to life- whether that's through thought-provoking debates, hands-on experiments, immersive projects, or the use of cutting-edge technology. Our teachers continually refine their practice through professional development, ensuring that the very best ideas and methods are at the heart of our curriculum.



## Inclusive learning community

At Bodmin College, inclusion is not an aspiration- it is our foundation. We believe that every child belongs, every voice matters, and every student should be appropriately challenged to achieve their very best.

Our commitment to inclusion means recognising that every learner is unique, with their own strengths, needs, and ambitions. We ensure that all students receive the right level of challenge, stretching those ready to move ahead, and providing additional support where it is needed so that every young person can flourish both academically and personally.

We are proud to be involved with national programmes such as the UK Maths Trust Senior Maths Challenge; Your Future Story with the Colyton Foundation as well as links with universities such as Oxford University, Plymouth Marjons, Falmouth University. These programmes provide students with the opportunity to be challenged and develop ambition.

We know that great teaching goes beyond the lesson plan. It is rooted in knowing each student as an individual, understanding their strengths, and providing the encouragement and guidance they need to thrive. At Bodmin College, inspiring teaching means nurturing both the mind and the character, equipping our young people with the skills, confidence, and curiosity to embrace all that lies ahead.

Our SEND department is well resourced and all students on the SEND Record of Need have a jointly written Student Success Plan where specific strategies are identified to enable full access to the curriculum.

A vital part of our inclusive provision is **Greenfield**, our local-authority commissioned Inclusion Base. Here, students benefit from specialist support that enables them to access learning and participate fully in the life of the school. The Greenfield team works closely with classroom teachers, families, and external professionals to provide tailored strategies, build confidence, and remove barriers to achievement.

Our approach goes beyond academic support. We nurture a culture of respect, empathy, and celebration of differences. By working and learning alongside one another, our students develop not only knowledge and skills, but also the understanding and compassion that will serve them for life.

At Bodmin College, we are proud to be a community where everyone is valued, challenged, and supported to succeed - a place where every child can truly belong.

"The school have been brilliant at providing the right intervention for my child. This has helped improve their confidence, so they feel successful at school."

Parent of Year 7 student





"My child has embraced all of the co-curricular activities that the school offers, making friends and challenging himself to learn new skills. He is proud to represent the school at sports fixtures."

Parent of Year 8 student

## Character and enrichment curriculum

At Bodmin College, education extends far beyond the classroom. Alongside academic success, we want every student to develop the confidence, character and experiences they need to thrive at school and beyond.

Our character and enrichment curriculum provides opportunities for students to discover new interests, develop their talents and challenge themselves. Through sport, performing and creative arts, STEM, outdoor learning, leadership, volunteering and a wide range of clubs and activities, students are encouraged to get involved, try something new and take pride in their achievements.

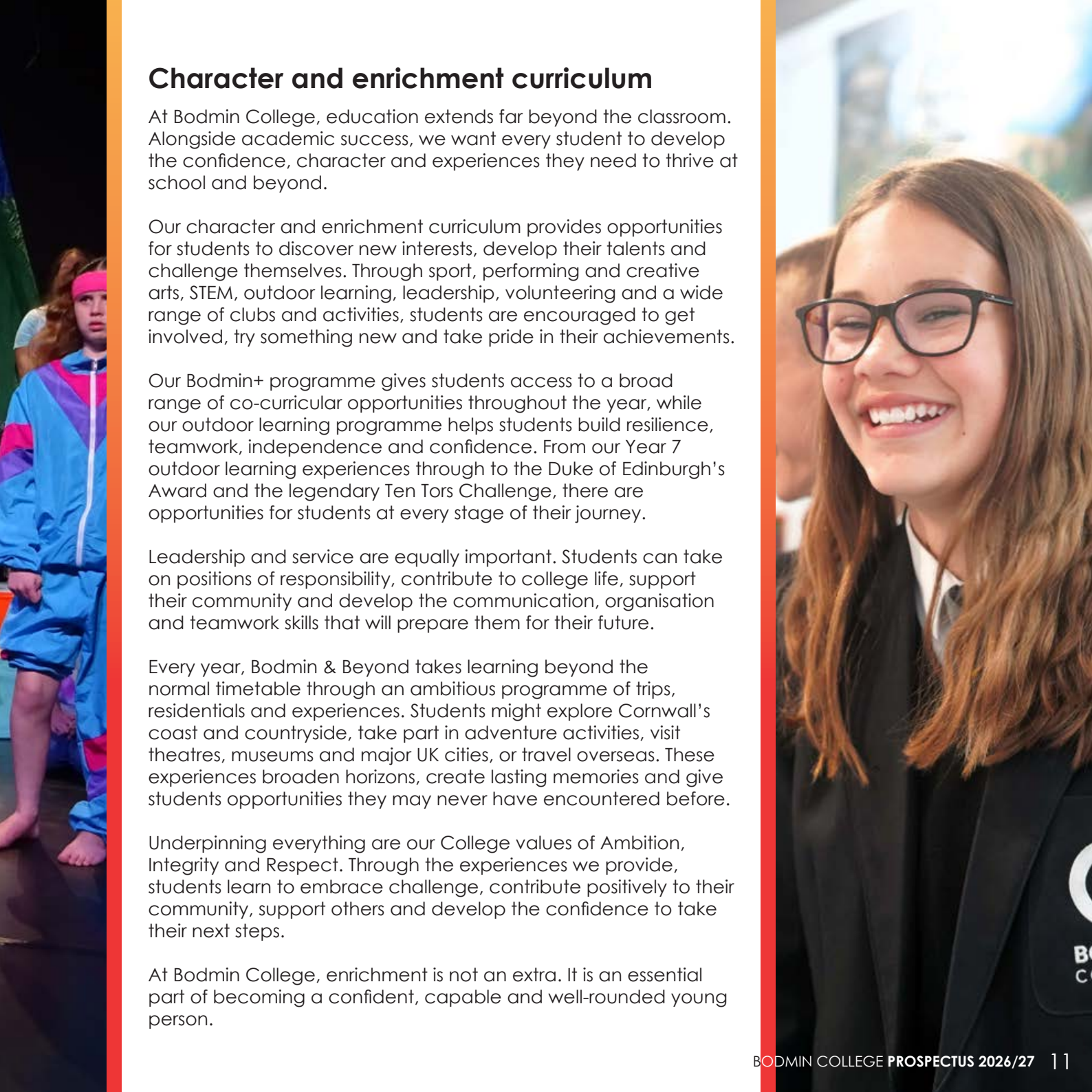
Our Bodmin+ programme gives students access to a broad range of co-curricular opportunities throughout the year, while our outdoor learning programme helps students build resilience, teamwork, independence and confidence. From our Year 7 outdoor learning experiences through to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the legendary Ten Tors Challenge, there are opportunities for students at every stage of their journey.

Leadership and service are equally important. Students can take on positions of responsibility, contribute to college life, support their community and develop the communication, organisation and teamwork skills that will prepare them for their future.

Every year, Bodmin & Beyond takes learning beyond the normal timetable through an ambitious programme of trips, residentials and experiences. Students might explore Cornwall's coast and countryside, take part in adventure activities, visit theatres, museums and major UK cities, or travel overseas. These experiences broaden horizons, create lasting memories and give students opportunities they may never have encountered before.

Underpinning everything are our College values of Ambition, Integrity and Respect. Through the experiences we provide, students learn to embrace challenge, contribute positively to their community, support others and develop the confidence to take their next steps.

At Bodmin College, enrichment is not an extra. It is an essential part of becoming a confident, capable and well-rounded young person.





## Empowering leaders of the future

At Bodmin College, we believe leadership is not reserved for a select few. Through our values of Ambition, Integrity and Respect, we inspire every student to discover their strengths, find their voice and make a positive difference to the world around them.

These values shape our approach to leadership. Ambition encourages students to believe in themselves and embrace new challenges. Integrity gives them the confidence to do what is right and lead by example. Respect teaches them to listen, value others and lead with kindness and empathy.

Our Student Council plays an important role in shaping college life. Representatives from every year group champion the views of their peers, helping influence decisions on areas such as the learning environment, co-curricular opportunities and dining provision. It is student voice in action, giving young people genuine opportunities to make a lasting impact.

Leadership opportunities are embedded throughout school life. Our peer mentoring programme helps new students settle into Key Stage 3, creating a welcoming environment where friendships flourish and confidence grows. Older students become trusted role models, helping others feel supported and valued.

In Key Stage 4, students can take on roles such as Student Leaders and Head Students, representing the college, leading initiatives and inspiring younger year groups. These experiences help students develop the confidence to step forward and make a difference.

Students can also access specialist pathways, including Mini Medics, where they gain practical skills while supporting others. Opportunities to engage with local elections and democratic processes help students understand the influence they can have beyond the school gates.

At Bodmin College, leadership is for everyone. Whatever their interests or ambitions, every student should have the opportunity to grow in confidence, develop character and discover their potential. Through Ambition, Integrity and Respect, we are nurturing compassionate, capable young people who are ready to make a positive difference wherever life takes them.



"I cannot speak highly enough of Bodmin College. The staff are relentlessly upbeat and positive with students. I can see a huge culture shift in the school and my child is thriving."

Parent of Year 9 student



## Reading and oracy at Bodmin College

At Bodmin College, we believe that core skills in reading and oracy are the foundations of learning, achievement, and personal growth. Our whole-school approach to literacy is designed not only to raise attainment but also to inspire a lifelong love of reading and discussion.

### A whole-school reading programme

Every student in Years 7–10 takes part in our Tutor Reading Programme. Together, tutor groups read from our carefully chosen Reading Canon - a collection of texts designed to expose students to a rich variety of literature, ideas, cultures, and representations. This shared experience sparks discussion, develops empathy, and broadens horizons, while also nurturing habits of regular, meaningful reading.

A central feature of the programme is the explicit focus on vocabulary development, as tutors guide students through carefully selected vocabulary, providing definitions to help unlock meaning and deepen understanding. This not only strengthens comprehension of the texts but also equips students with the language needed to articulate their ideas confidently in both spoken and written work.

### Oracy and critical thinking

In Years 7–10, students participate in our weekly oracy sessions. These tutor-led discussions focus on building oracy skills by exploring a range of 'big questions' that encourage curiosity, empathy, and critical thinking. Debates are rooted in the issues that matter both within school, in the local community and in the wider world. Tutors act as facilitators, guiding pupils to express themselves with confidence, listen respectfully to others, and engage in constructive dialogue.



## Unlocking language through vocabulary

We recognise that vocabulary is key to unlocking learning. By explicitly teaching and defining a wide range of Tier 2 vocabulary - the high-utility words that frequently appear in academic texts and tasks - we empower students to access challenging material, express themselves effectively, and succeed in both spoken and written literacy. This emphasis is not confined to English lessons but is embedded across the curriculum, ensuring that every child is supported in becoming a confident, articulate learner.

## A library at the heart of school life

Our library is a welcoming hub for reading, research, and study. Stocked with an inspiring range of texts, it is central to our reading culture. Author visits, book clubs, and themed events bring literature to life, while quiet study spaces ensure all students can enjoy reading in an environment that supports focus and curiosity.

We are proud to have a dedicated member of staff appointed as our Reading Champion, who plays a pivotal role in promoting a culture of reading across Bodmin College. Through one-to-one sessions, small group work and targeted support, they also play a crucial role in delivering reading recovery to ensure that no child is left behind.

We also nurture student leadership through our Reading Ambassadors. These pupils act as role models for their peers, promoting reading for pleasure, and their enthusiasm helps to create a vibrant and inclusive community of readers, where every voice is valued and every story matters.

Student artwork displayed in the  
Tor Gallery at Bodmin College



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