



# Bloxham School

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Prospectus

# Welcome to Bloxham

"In our time with the school to date, we have experienced nothing but tutors and staff going above and beyond to offer a positive learning experience for all. Bloxham is a small, friendly, tightly knit community. Bloxham students are taught to respect differences and be kind. Sending our daughter to Bloxham is the best decision we have ever made."

Bloxham Parent

"Pupils develop into happy, mature, confident individuals with a highly developed sense of responsibility for self and others."  
Independent Schools Inspectorate



# Headmaster's Welcome

The individual matters at Bloxham School and the expectation is that every child will flourish. We believe this is a special place in which young people can grow, explore, learn and reach their full potential.

An education from Bloxham School looks to develop strength in character. We seek to educate a child's body, mind and soul. A student's time at Bloxham is not just about achieving the very best exam results. It is also about developing their skills for later life: resilience, tenacity, creativity, leadership, responsibility and an ability to work with others to name but a few.

Through a comprehensive, stretching academic and broad curriculum where everyone takes part, each child is encouraged to try many different things, test their boundaries and challenge themselves to find their individual strengths and talents. Whether shy or gregarious, confident or nervous, every child is welcomed into the Bloxham community. They learn that by working hard and persevering when the going gets tough, they will succeed.



The school's Christian ethos teaches values of kindness, generosity of spirit, thinking beyond yourself and being of service to others. These virtues form the very fabric of the school.

We are immensely proud of the pastoral care that Bloxham offers. Ours is an inclusive and caring community, founded on a whole-school commitment to every child's wellbeing. Everyone is known and cared for according to their individual needs, by people who believe in them and have a desire to help them to become the best that they can be.

Our students leave us with friendships for life. They leave ready to face the world with strong values, compassion for others, good examination results that open doors, but most importantly, the skills and confidence to enable them to live a happy and successful life.

**Paul Sanderson**  
Headmaster

# About Bloxham School



Founded in 1860, Bloxham School is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school for students aged 11 to 18, with entry at age 11, 13 and 16.

We are proud to boast state-of-the-art facilities for academic work, sport, technology and the arts on a modern, single-site campus. With around 500 students, Bloxham is small enough to ensure that each student receives individual attention, yet large enough to offer every opportunity a school twice its size could deliver.



The school retains its boarding ethos but has adapted to changes in parent requirements. Our flexible approach to boarding responds to the demands of modern family living, with our students classified as either boarders, day boarders or day students. Day boarding includes two nights boarding within fees, with the option to add payable additional nights each week.

Located in the heart of the beautiful Oxfordshire village of Bloxham, Bloxham School is only

three miles away from the M40 London to Birmingham motorway. Banbury, just two miles away, has excellent rail connections, with London around 50 minutes by train. We are close to the major London airports as well as to Birmingham International Airport.

Bloxham is part of the Woodard Corporation and is a member of the HMC group, which is among the elite independent schools in the UK.

# A passion for learning

Fostering creativity and the capacity for dynamic, independent and critical thought

At Bloxham, we help our students develop a love for learning. We kindle the fires of intellectual curiosity, challenging students to think outside of their comfort zones and stretching them beyond the confines of their examination syllabus. At the heart of our ethos lies the belief that every child should be inspired and encouraged to explore their learning fully, helping them to find passions and interests which they will enjoy for the rest of their lives.

Outstanding teaching is given through dedicated staff who seek to stretch children academically beyond what would have been expected, regardless of their starting point.





"Bloxham has been my home from home for the last 5 years and I can't imagine being anywhere better during that time. I will never forget my Bloxham family."

Sixth Form student

"We have valued the flexible approach to boarding. Both children started as day students, moved to boarding a few nights a week and then became full time weekly boarders. It's hard to balance those different levels of boarding at a school without making any group feel less important or involved than the others but Bloxham and the house staff are fantastic at managing that."

Bloxham Parent

# A balanced curriculum

A challenging academic programme, complemented by a broader curriculum which inspires curiosity, rigour and ambition

Our students are cared for by people who believe in them, have faith in their potential and are committed to nurturing their success. We ensure that all of our students develop, through individually tailored teaching and learning, and a balanced curriculum in which everyone can find their niche.

We offer a broad curriculum and a rich programme of activities in which we encourage every child to participate, helping them to grow in confidence through the discovery of new talents. Whether on the stage or the sports field, on the debating floor or in the workshop, we recognise these are important learning mediums which will help our students develop valuable qualities like resilience, communication and teamwork. We value all their achievements, regardless of the subject or specialism.





# A gold standard of pastoral care

Nurturing the well-being of all within the setting of a boarding community



Bloxham is a naturally inclusive and caring community where students treat one another with respect. Our commitment to every child's well-being forms the foundations upon which our fine reputation for pastoral care has been built. We see pastoral care as a shared and collective responsibility, with each member of staff playing their part in guiding our students through the minefield of adolescence into adulthood.

As Bloxham is a smaller school, everyone is known and cared for according to their individual needs, by people who believe in them and have a desire to help them become the best that they can be.

Pastoral care is built upon the House system with vertical tutor groups for students to make the most of the experience of their peers. As part of a boarding community, your child will gain an understanding of how to treat and be treated by others, learn to form healthy relationships and develop tolerance of others.

We recognise that a one-size-fits-all approach to boarding does not suit every family and so we offer day school, day or full boarding options, each enjoying the same high standards of care.

A three way partnership exists between parents, House and teaching staff and children, with regular communication keeping parents close to their child's education and well being.



# The development of character

Through promotion of responsibility, generosity, resilience and imagination

In today's competitive global race, we know our students will need a strong academic record and evidence of success in other fields in order to stand out. Yet they will also need strength of character, resilience and adaptability to thrive in what is a fast-paced and uncertain world.

By putting children outside their comfort zone they learn about themselves and others, develop resilience and tenacity and become problem solvers; just some of the transferable skills required in the modern world.

Our extensive outdoor education programme, Duke of Edinburgh scheme and Combined Cadet Force are all designed to help students develop tenacity, imaginative problem solving and management of risk.

Through these activities they are encouraged to lead by example and be part of a team that takes collective responsibility for its actions. Working with others, they learn to listen and be generous in their support.

In a world where pursuit of oneself can become the chief goal of so many young people, it is refreshing that at Bloxham we will teach your child to understand the concept that others come first.

"Bloxham provided a really supportive network of teachers and friends. A system that allowed me to believe in myself and to be fearless."

Old Bloxhamist



# Christian values

Nurturing a compassionate spirit so that our students become a force for good in an ever-changing world



Bloxham is a Christian foundation school and the spiritual development of our students is core to our educational values. Bloxham has offered a distinctly Christian education for over 160 years and the education we offer today is based upon optimism about the young and hope for the future.

Children are guided to explore their beliefs, their place in the world and how they can be a force for good in their community. We use Christian values to help students develop a moral compass by which to live their lives, now and in the future. This is also seen in the relationships which exist between students and staff, which are based on truth, respect and compassion.

Our spiritual life is not only lived out in Chapel and through formal acts of worship, but in our community, where students are encouraged to 'give back' through a variety of charitable and service-based activities and think of others before themselves. Our students leave with the mindset of 'What can I give?' rather than 'What can I get?'

Although the school has been built on a Christian ethos, those of other faiths and none are welcomed and Bloxham openly encourages understanding, diversity and tolerance for all.



# Scholarships

We are committed to stretching all students to their full potential and we believe that awarding scholarships is one of our most valuable tools.

We are ambitious for our scholars and have high expectations.

We want our scholars to be open-minded, creative and receptive to new ideas and approaches.

In turn, the school will ensure that each scholar has the opportunity to thrive and to follow their own ambitions.

At Bloxham, we offer academic scholarships, design and technology scholarships, scholarships in the creative arts (music, art and drama) and sports scholarships. Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship. We offer a number of awards each year, with the value of each worth up to a maximum 10% of fees. Exhibitions are also awarded and come with a smaller reduction in fees.

# Bursaries

We recognise the significant sacrifices that many parents make to enable their children to benefit from a private school education. In this vein, we are pleased to be able to offer financial assistance to some of those families in the form of means-tested bursaries. The Raymond Trust, built on a legacy from Roger Raymond, an Old Bloxhamist, funds a limited number of full-fee bursaries with recommendations for Raymond Scholarships given by the Headmaster.

Bursaries can be obtained either in conjunction with a scholarship or without one and bring with them a reduction in school fees. Those who wish to apply for financial assistance should first complete our registration process. You will then be asked to complete a confidential statement of financial affairs, upon which a bursary offer will be made.



# Your next steps

The only way to truly appreciate our school is by coming to visit. Whether joining us for an Open Morning or a bespoke visit, you will have the chance to meet teachers, see students at work and raise any questions about your child's future education with members of our Senior Leadership Team.

To arrange a visit, please call our Admissions Team on +44 (0)1295 724301 or email: [admissions@bloxhamschool.com](mailto:admissions@bloxhamschool.com)

Visit our website to find more information about the admissions process including further details on scholarships, bursary applications and registering.

"The school is large enough to provide opportunities for team sports and teaching differentiation, yet small enough that our children and us as parents are known to the school and treated as individuals, rather than just as one part of a large cohort"  
Bloxham Parent

"We chose Bloxham twice; first for our daughter who was academic and into drama, and then again for our son who was more of a generalist and into his sport. What struck us about Bloxham was its all-round approach to education.

We see value in a school that encourages children to think independently and helps them to develop into compassionate citizens of society, as well as teaching them the curriculum."

Bloxham Parent

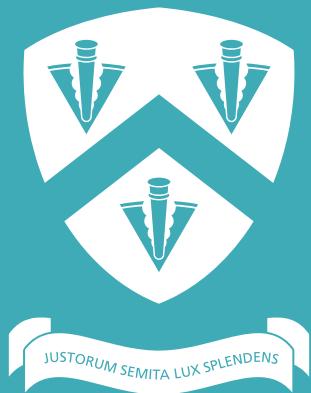
"It will be hard to find a place like Bloxham again: the community is what makes it so special."

Sixth Form student

"Successfully combines academic challenge with plenty of sport, service and practical life skills.

A perfect environment for happy all-rounders."

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