

PROSPECTUS

2023-2024



OPPORTUNITY • ACHIEVEMENT • EXCELLENCE



BEDFORDSHIRE
SCHOOLS TRUST

Strive for **Excellence** in all aspects of your life and **Exceed** what you thought was possible. **Lead** by example across all aspects of your school life. Always display the upmost **Manners** and courtesy to others. Take full **Responsibility** for your opinions and actions. Be **Receptive** of others and their opinions without prejudice or contempt. **Aspire** to be the best you can be in all aspects of your school life. Avoid despondency, rebuild, be **Determined**, try again until you **Succeed**. **Believe** that everyone can **Achieve** and be great! Be **Resilient**, never be willing to accept that you cannot change for the better. **Achieve** and be the best you can be academically.



MEET THE TEAM



Mrs C Linehan
Assistant Principal



Mr L Huckle
Assistant Principal



Dr J Haynes
High Prior Attaining:
Progress & Achievement Lead





STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY

Welcome to The Society at Samuel Whitbread Academy. The Society continues to provide student members with the opportunity to further their aspirations and work towards achieving their goals. Whether this is academic achievement and applications to universities, or those wishing to apply for degree apprenticeships. The Society offers a huge range of opportunities that aim to focus study skills and enable our students to talk about their subjects in a more coherent and complex manner. It's our intention to increase the chance of our students entering the top academic institutions in the UK and across the world at both universities and apprenticeships.

The SWA Society is now part of the Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations Project. We hope to offer Society members access to a range of resources and events. The diploma programme in year 9 is the starting point for new students to the school alongside entry into the HPQ qualification. This leads into year 10 and 11 with subject tutorials that are delivered by a range of year 12 Sixth Form students. Lectures are also available and are delivered by staff to widen knowledge and opportunities to ask the right questions.

The SWA Society has also developed a student leadership structure that leads on all events to support all members across the school. Please make sure you contact your year group leaders and see what is going on. There is something happening for members of all year groups.

It is my pleasure to introduce the Society Leadership Team at Samuel Whitbread Academy. We hope you embrace The Society and all it has to offer and use it to enhance your academic progress and achievement.



Izzy Roberts
Lunch Box Lecture Lead



Jack Sharp
Alumni Seminar Lead



Ben Sharp
Careers Seminar Lead



Nathan Cant
Russell Group
University Seminar Lead



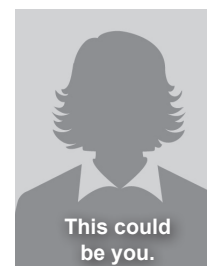
Andy Zheng
Tutorial & Equality Lead



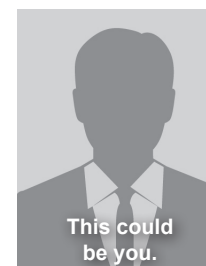
Emily Igoe
Year 11 Society
Representative



Ayesha Green
Year 11 Society
Representative



Year 10 Society
Representative



Year 10 Society
Representative



Bailey Staniforth
Year 9 Chair & The
Society Equality Lead



Eloise Hook
Year 9 Vice Chair &
The Society Sports Lead

WHY JOIN THE SOCIETY?



What can The Society do for you?

Our main aims are to:

- Increase your confidence and enthusiasm for learning.
- Develop your knowledge across the curriculum and beyond.
- Expose you to new and culturally enriching experiences.
- Support and foster independent study and critical thinking skills.
- Ensure your successful transition into Sixth Form (A Levels) and into higher education (be that University or Apprenticeship).

How will The Society deliver these aims?

From year 9, you will have access to:

- A diverse lecture series from internal and external speakers.
- Subject tutorials delivered by Sixth Form students.
- College and university experience days.
- Academic advice from our Alumni and staff experts.
- Externally organised local and national competitions (many with fantastic prizes).
- Additional mathematics qualification (KS4 only).

As you move into the Sixth Form, you will also be able to access: personal statement and university application tuition.

- Interview preparation for university, apprenticeship and the world of work.
- A supported pathway for your end goals, including a focus on employability skills.
- Subject tutorials led by staff and students.
- UCAS higher exploration day.
- University experience days.
- Degree apprenticeships immersion days.
- Bespoke pathway support for medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine.
- Support for students who receive the 16-19 bursary.



OUR SUPER-CURRICULAR

Our Super-curricular offer is designed to support and challenge all students in a range of academic areas, covering our broad curriculum; but, also to encourage aspirational pathways, wider, critical thinking and provide students with activities outside of the classroom.

The activities are designed to provide a range of challenges for each subject area and empower you to explore subjects at

- A deeper level in order to:
- Be open minded
- Take risk
- Find connections
- Think actively and critically
- Ask questions
- Pause and reflect
- Follow your interests

YOU CAN ACCESS ALL SUPER-CURRICULAR DOCUMENTS VIA OUR WEBSITE:



THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Please ensure you are a member. This is a centralised location which teachers use to advertise events and workshops, including guest speakers and bespoke guidance for particular University pathways, including Oxbridge and Russell Group. Please make sure you engage with the Classroom regularly and take up the opportunities that are on offer to you.

CLOSING WORDS



'The Society' has had an enormous impact this year, despite all challenges of the Covid restrictions. We have had highest ever number of applications to Oxbridge and Cambridge Universities nearly all receiving interviews at their desired colleges, with many having multiple interviews. I am delighted to tell you that we had multiple successful applicants, which is a real credit to the work the society has done in the climate of reduced places at these universities. Feedback from colleges indicates the society has picked all the boxes for our applicants during the application process.

Russel group applications have also expanded massively this year with a substantial increase in applications and offered places for our members. The Society will be working even harder this coming year to improve its support to our students in the coming years applications.

They have also organised numerous presentations by alumni on a whole range of different topics from medicine to veterinary science. These have been very popular with students and provide invaluable resources. Overall a fantastic first year in The Society....

Nick Martin - Principal
BSc, MA, PGCE, NPQH, NPQEL