Bishop Justus is a learning community with an approach rooted in Christian belief and values.

This means we focus every day to maximise the potential every single student has for scholastic excellence and personal development. We provide an environment where people of all ages appreciate and enjoy all that our school has to offer.

Moving into the 6th Form is a defining moment. It marks a clear transition and it brings with it a change in status and an acknowledgement that you are young adults within our school and the wider community.

In the 6th Form, we provide you with an outstanding quality of education through which you will be able to reach the highest possible standards of achievement and personal effectiveness.

Our Ofsted inspection in 2016 reported on how well students achieve in the sixth form and how this is a real strength of the school.

We have a fantastic record in supporting students to attend the very best universities when they leave as well as helping others to secure work and apprenticeships across a range of sectors.

In joining our 6th Form, you will be willing and able to accept individual responsibility, develop your leadership skills and play a leading role in the life of the whole school community.

Bishop Justus is unique; our excellent student support structure means we get to know you, our students, very well and so can offer you expert advice and guidance at this crucial stage in your education.

If you have been at Bishop Justus, you will have built up good relationships with other students and staff and can look forward to continuing this partnership. If you are new to our 6th Form, you will be made very welcome and we will ensure your smooth transition into our school community. We look forward to you joining us on our journey through love, faith and learning.

Mr. Simon Murphy – Headteacher

The 6th Form community at our school is special. It provides a supportive learning environment based around high academic expectations and rigorous standards. It provides extensive opportunities outside the classroom and an understanding that you fully involve yourself in the wider life of the school community. Ultimately, our 6th Form will provide you with the advice, guidance, qualifications and skills that you will need as you move towards your adult life.

Your 6th Form years are as exciting as they are important. They mark the end of your formal schooling, but provide key foundations for your future career. The decisions you make over courses are therefore vital and we are sure that the information provided in this prospectus and our course directory will allow you to make informed choices.

In the 6th Form, you are viewed by staff as aspirant young professionals and are expected to handle a range of new responsibilities and freedoms. Your studies require you to be independent, motivated and self-disciplined. Bishop Justus 6th Form will foster these qualities inside and outside the classroom. You will also be expected to take the lead and perform important roles in the wider school and the local community. There will be many challenges to relish and by rising to overcome any obstacles, you will learn a lot about yourself.

Bishop Justus School has much to offer in terms of its facilities, resources and staff but you, the students, make the school what it is. As 6th Formers, the most senior students in the school, you will be expected to set the highest standards and take this school to new levels of success and we will be privileged to witness this.

Mrs. Leah Myles – Director of 6th Form
Mr. Andrew Crush – Deputy Director of 6th Form
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6th FORM

Bishop Justus provides an inspirational and future-thinking education. We are delighted to offer a flexible range of traditional and applied courses and pathways to meet the standards required of higher education and business. The experienced 16–19 team offer the highest possible support to students so that they gain the skills and qualifications which will allow them access either to higher education or into the world of work.

The school has an outstanding reputation for working with the community and provides a safe, caring environment to all students. Students are encouraged to contribute to a range of extra-curricular opportunities including Career Ready which is open to all Y12 students and provides successful applicants an external mentor, opportunities for work place visits, masterclasses (open to all students) and a paid internship from a pool of businesses that include Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, Direct Line Group, OFGEM, BP, Santander and Moody’s Foundation.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY (IS) AN OUTSTANDING ASPECT OF THE SCHOOL’S WORK.

EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to readily adopt the school ethos which focuses on a high quality education in a Christian setting. This contract between the student and school fosters an atmosphere of respect, understanding and tolerance, allowing students to study in a caring environment and aspire to be life-long learners. All students wear business dress.

As highly valued members of the school community, 6th Formers are encouraged to mentor younger students through subjects and extracurricular activities. There are also opportunities to mentor primary age students from across the Aquinas Trust. Community Prefects, Faculty Prefects, Worship Prefects and Senior Prefects are elected annually. There are a range of opportunities to organise and develop sports, music and charity groups.

Students selected to be prefects are given training and opportunities to assist in the day-to-day running of the school. 6th Form students are encouraged to join the student council which forges a vital link between the 6th Form and the rest of the school community. All students will be expected to fulfil either prefect or mentor roles in the 6th Form.

“Expectations”
Bishop Justus has a reputation for the outstanding care it provides for all students within the school community. An experienced team including Learning Directors, Pastoral Manager, 6th Form tutors and a Guidance Manager support students and ensure they go through all aspects of 6th Form life successfully.

Tutor groups provide an individualised approach to pastoral and academic care. Guidance staff are able to work alongside tutors to encourage students to become aspirational learners who are prepared to meet future challenges. All staff ensure that students receive quality advice and information to help achieve their goals. Links with business and industry are well developed with opportunities for work experience and work shadowing.

The 6th Form contract is at the heart of the support processes that Bishop Justus provides and it is a condition of entry into 6th Form that this document is signed.

Alongside our rich curriculum offer, sit a number of further opportunities aimed at equipping students with the skills and attributes required for future success. Students can take on leadership responsibilities through the leadership programme, there is an extensive range of senior music groups or they may wish to start or continue with the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Young Enterprise and the annual trip to Tanzania are other exciting opportunities afforded to the 6th Form cohort.

The extremely successful and award winning Debating Team meet regularly to practise, compete and to train younger students. There are further leadership opportunities through the whole School Parliament and the 6th Form Academic Council. Worship and Faith in Action are an important part of life within the school and are often led by older students. For those interested in sport there are teams that compete at rugby, football, netball, athletics, basketball and cricket.
Every course offered within our 16–19 curriculum is delivered within outstanding facilities. The 6th Form Study Centre also contains a state-of-the-art multifunction ICT suite, two conference rooms and a large thinking and learning space designed to support independent study. From inspirational art and design areas to 6th Form-specific Music, Science and IT spaces, students will study in well-equipped and comfortable learning spaces.

6th Form students will benefit from their own science facilities, two Mac-based industry-standard music technology suites and language laboratory. Students enjoy their own 6th Form Study Centre which affords them the opportunity to study in inspiring surroundings which have been designed by students for students. 6th Form students have their own entrance and reception area. Their study centre is equipped with a high speed wireless network which allows access to the wider school resources, internet and email.

Crucial to student well-being, a range of hot and cold food aimed at promoting a healthy and balanced diet is available at Bishop Justus. As a privilege to our 6th Form students, the two eating establishments “Justa Coffee” and “The Bistro” are open throughout the day and offer outstanding cuisine in a comfortable setting for breakfast and lunch. In 2019 a new purpose built 6th Form dining area will come on stream, which will also see the extensive 6th Form facilities expanded further.

There are outstanding IT facilities including a wireless and hard wired network with a 2/1 PC ratio. 6th Formers have sole access to three IT suites and there is a silent 6th Form study space within our 6th Form Study Centre.

Our facilities include:

- Hard-wired ICT rooms
- Inspirational art and design areas
- Outdoor learning spaces
- An extensive, purpose built wetlands area
- A Level CAD/CAM facilities
- Industry standard Mac-platform music technology facilities
- Mirrored performance studio
- Black out drama facilities
- Full sized 3G astro-turf
- 4 court sports hall
- Fully equipped 16–19 science laboratories

Students are allowed and encouraged to use their own laptops in school.
The School is successful in its mission to unlock and develop the God-given potential in every individual.

Along with this prospectus, you will find a course directory which includes information about all of our courses and an application form. The directory also includes key advice and guidance about selecting courses.

All students should submit their online 6th Form application as soon as possible after the Open Evening with a final deadline for applications before Christmas. This form should contain detailed reasons for why the student wishes to study in the 6th Form. Conditional offers will be made to students soon after the Christmas holidays.

For students who do not currently attend Bishop Justus there is an expectation that they meet with a senior member of staff to discuss their course choices. This individual meeting is for students and their parents or carers and is an ideal opportunity to hear about the school and the type of courses and curriculum that we offer. Meetings should be booked on the Open Evening or through our 6th Form Office Manager.

Following the submission of applications, the school will meet with any student who we feel requires further advice and guidance with their choices. Any student applying to Bishop Justus from another school will be asked to provide details of a referee (usually the Head of Year 11) so that a reference can be taken to verify the suitability of the student for 6th Form study.
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