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WELCOME

Welcome to Sir Bernard Lovell Academy where we provide a high quality educational experience to ensure that all our young people are happy, successful, enthusiastic and well prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.



As Principal, I am extremely proud of the achievements of our students and the progress made in the last four years in all areas of the Academy. In particular, the way in which our students have returned to school following the recent global challenges has been exemplary and we have resumed school life as if they have never been away.

We encourage all our students to become innovative and independent thinkers with the resilience to be successful in life. We work closely with families and our wider community to achieve this.

Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning in a disciplined and supportive environment. We recognise that each and every student has distinctive needs and talents nurtured to enable them to pursue their ambitions beyond the curriculum boundaries.

Mr D Anderson, Principal



'MY CHILD
HAS SETTLED WELL
AND IS LOOKING
FORWARD TO THE
YEAR AHEAD'

YEAR 7 PARENT



OUR CURRICULUM

At SBL, all students follow a broad and balanced curriculum which inspires and supports their progression to Post-16 education and their chosen career path. Students have five, one-hour lessons per day and we operate a two-week timetable.

Our curriculum is tailored to the individual needs of our students. It is focused not only on academic qualifications but is designed to develop their spiritual, moral, cultural, social, intellectual and physical abilities.

We pride ourselves on providing our students with a range of valuable qualifications to ensure they are well placed for future progression.

We offer the opportunities, responsibilities and engaging experiences required to support our vision to prepare all of our students for adult life as a citizen in modern Britain.



RESULTS 2021

In 2021, we experienced an unprecedented challenge as educators and students were unable to sit national exams for the second year. In spite of this, we are very proud to state that our students in Year 11 and Year 13 secured an outstanding set of qualifications that have enabled them to progress to further or higher education, begin apprenticeships or gain employment. The majority of our Year 11 students have stayed with us to pursue their Post-16 education: 80% achieved grades 9-4 in English and maths and 60% achieved grades 9-5. We also had more students achieving higher grades than in previous years.

Our results are the combination of a number of years of hard work and dedication from students and staff, resulting in record outcomes this year.

School attendance: improvements in the last four years see SBL Academy as the most improved school in the South Gloucestershire area. We value and promote good attendance and our attendance rate is now well above the national average for all groups. We have robust systems in place to support the good attendance of our students.

Uniform: our students wear a smart and professional uniform that sets the tone for our expectations and aspirations.

Admission: SBL is growing in popularity and has been oversubscribed in Year 7 for the last three years. We increased our Published Admission Number temporarily in 2021 due to the number of students from our local area opting for SBL as their secondary school of choice.

OPEN EVENTS



SBL
SIR BERNARD LOVELL
ACADEMY

This year we will be holding a series of open events to ensure parents/carers and their children are able to view the Academy and keep within the Government's social distancing rules. These will begin the week commencing 4 October 2021 and will include:

- A brief presentation from the Principal
- A tour of the Academy in small groups led by students and staff
- Visits to our Curriculum Teams and specialist teaching areas
- A Q&A session with the Principal, the Senior Leadership Team and Transition staff

There will be a range of times for you to be able to book your space both during and after school. We will also be able to respond to the local Covid-19 circumstances and adapt this programme so that families from specific schools can visit at the same time if needed. Please keep checking our school website for updates on the open events, we have included last year's virtual tour videos to help give you a flavour of SBL Academy.



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