



**SBL**  
SIR BERNARD LOVELL  
**ACADEMY**

PROSPECTUS 2024/25



Opening doors to success

# WELCOME



Our mission at Sir Bernard Lovell Academy is to provide an exceptional education which inspires, challenges and supports all of our students so that they lead happy, fulfilled and successful lives at school and beyond.

We set the bar high in terms of our expectations of student attendance, behaviour and academic achievement but ensure that our young people are given all of the support they need to reach those ambitious standards. Our expert and dedicated staff are committed to delivering inspirational teaching and learning which develop active minds. Equal value is given to nurturing our young people's confidence, self-esteem and wellbeing through our house system which provides first class pastoral care and personal development. We foster gifts, talents and interests in all their forms, both in the classroom and through our wide ranging extra-curricular opportunities which develop the broader skills and memories that stay with young people long after their time at SBL. Put simply, only the best is good enough for and from our students.

**“Staff have high expectations and pupils work hard to meet them.” Ofsted 2021**

As a result, students at SBL make excellent progress and leave school with the qualifications, skills and strength of character which open doors to future success.

Thanks to the strong leadership of my predecessor, SBL was rated ‘good’ in every area when it was last inspected by Ofsted in 2021. It is a great privilege to be the Headteacher and lead the school towards providing an exceptional education during its next exciting phase of development.

**Dr Robin Bassford, Headteacher**



# OUR CURRICULUM

The broad, balanced and coherent curriculum at SBL ensures that all of our students are fully engaged in their learning journey and so achieve the best qualifications they can to support progression to post-16 education. 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 carefully designed and implemented to achieve a balance between academic rigour in the traditional subjects while developing students' spiritual, moral, cultural, social and physical abilities.

**“Pupils value and appreciate the subjects they learn.**

**They like coming to school.” Ofsted 2021**

We pride ourselves on offering a wide range of opportunities, responsibilities and engaging experiences beyond the classroom through our programme of clubs, visits and residential trips. This is reflected by our new '50 things to do at SBL' initiative.

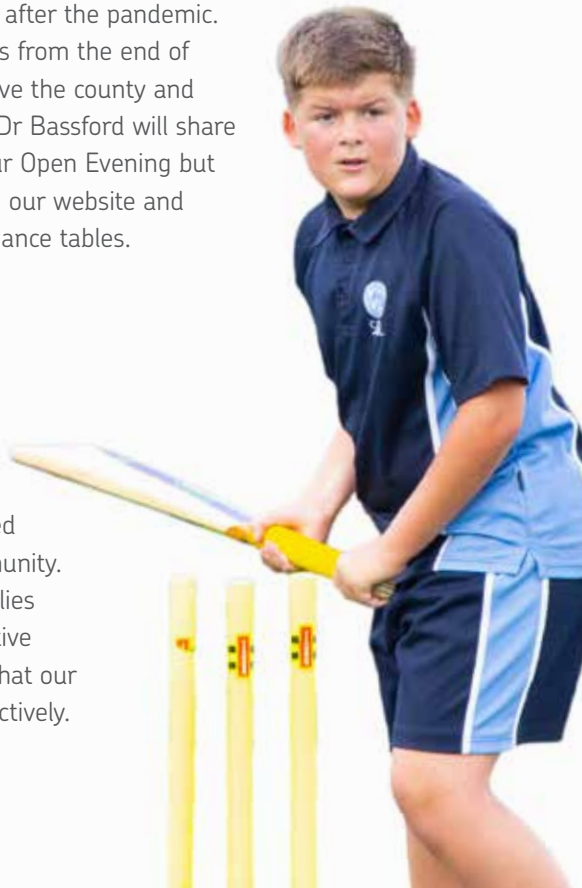


# ACADEMIC RESULTS

The hard work of our students, combined with the expertise and dedication of staff, has resulted in a fantastic set of GCSE outcomes over the last three years since formal examinations were restarted after the pandemic. In fact, the progress made by our students from the end of Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4 has been above the county and national average for the last three years. Dr Bassford will share the results during his presentations on our Open Evening but parents can see for themselves by visiting our website and looking online at the DfE's school performance tables.

# COMMUNITY

We believe that our aim of an exceptional education can only be achieved through the power of the collective when students, parents and carers, staff and our wider stakeholders are united in a caring, respectful and inclusive community. Therefore, we work very closely with families to develop positive, trusting and constructive relationships with parents and carers so that our young people can be supported most effectively.





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

YEAR 7 PARENT



# OPEN EVENTS



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There is so much more to find out about what makes SBL the special place it is today and so I do hope that you will come and visit us in person. Our annual **Open Evening is on Thursday 3 October 2024 from 5.00pm – 8.00pm**. This is always a popular evening which gives parents, carers and students the opportunity to walk around the school visiting each of our curriculum areas. There will be a variety of activities going on and experienced members of staff on hand in every room to answer any questions you may have. You do not need to book to attend our Open Evening. On arrival, you will be offered a ticket to attend one of the Headteacher's presentations being held at 5.15pm, 6.15pm and 7.15pm. The presentation will last for approximately 30 minutes and include a speech from Dr Bassford as well as talks from our new Year 7 and older students which will give you a true insight into school life at SBL.

We will also be holding various **Open Mornings between 26 September and 14 October 2024**. This gives parents, carers and students the opportunity to walk around school and experience a typical school day. You will also have the opportunity for a Q&A session with either the Headteacher or a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Due to limited spaces these sessions need to be booked in advance via our website: [www.sblacademy.org.uk](http://www.sblacademy.org.uk). Dates and times will be released on Monday 16 September 2024.



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