

# Pupil Testimonies

## Matthew Bradford

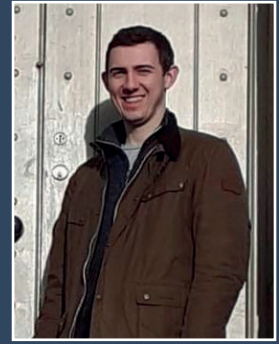
**A Levels Studied** - Double Award Science, History and Politics

**University:** Queen's University, Belfast. BSc Biological Sciences, First Class Honours.

**Full Time Job** - Lead Manager, Tesco

*Belfast Boys' Model School helped me in many ways. 8 years later and I cannot thank the teachers and staff enough for what they brought out in me and for providing me with a platform to succeed. Attending school and through building strong relationships, I was motivated and encouraged to achieve my best, and more. School developed my strengths, gave me many opportunities and provided me with the environment to build my confidence and not be fearful of taking risks. It allowed me to follow my interests and provided me with the skills to excel beyond academic studies.*

*School laid the foundations that have helped me to not only fulfil my careers goals, but also use my drive and hard work ethic to enjoy other experiences and aspects of life. School life for me when I look back is very valuable and I will always be grateful for the guidance and teaching style employed at BBMS.*



## Jonathon Clarke - Head Boy - 2006 - 2007

**A Levels Studied** - Geography, Chemistry, Biology and Physics

**University:** Queen's University Belfast

**Job Role:** CEO, Locate a Locum

*I feel strongly that the Boys' Model provided me with many opportunities that helped to shape me into the person I am today.*

*I was supported by my teachers to strive for academic success, both inside and outside the classroom.*

*I was also lucky enough to represent the school at a number of international events such as Young Citizens Initiative in Washington, United States of America.*

*This provided me with many opportunities for learning and in doing so, I was able to successfully continue to build upon my career at university and further into the workplace.*



## Aaron Bickerstaff

**A Levels Studied** - History, Politics, Media Studies

**University:** Ulster University - Marketing

**Job Role:** Head of International Events, Probellum

*The Boys' Model provided me with an abundance of opportunities that challenged and developed me as a student, a sportsman and as a person. The staff unquestionably have a unique relationship with the pupils and have demonstrated time and time again an ability to get the best from each pupil regardless of ability. The school has helped shape me as a person and has given me the confidence, drive and desire to achieve my potential.*



# Entry requirements:

## BBMS Points

NI CCEA Grade Structure	BBMS Points	AQA Grade Structure	BBMS Points	GCSE Equivalents	BBMS Points
A*	9	9	9	Level 2 Distinction *	9
A	8	8	8	Level 2 Distinction	8
B	7	7	7	Level 2 Merit	7
C*	6	6	6		
C	5	5	5	Level 2 Pass	5
D	4	4	4	Level 1 Distinction	4
E	3	3	3	Level 1 Merit	3
F	2	2	2	Level 1 Pass	2
G	1	1	1		

### 1 Year Work Ready Course - Level 2:

1. 14 points from the best 5 GCSE results
2. Minimum grade E in English and Maths

1. Return to Sixth Form interview with a member of the senior team, parents and pupil.
2. Sign school contract.

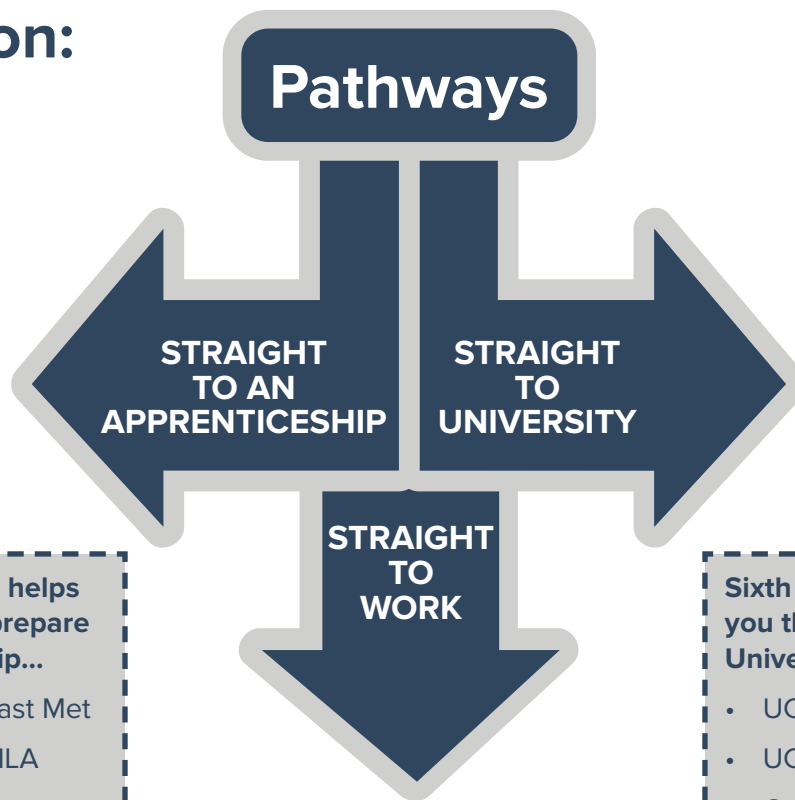
### 2 Year A Level Course - Level 3:

1. 24 Points from the best 5 GCSE results
2. C in English or Maths and minimum grade E in the other

1. Return to Sixth Form interview with a member of the senior team, parents and pupil.
2. Sign school contract.



# Progression:



**Sixth Form at BBMS helps you to choose and prepare for an Apprenticeship...**

- Partners with Belfast Met
- Level 2, 3 and 4 HLA Apprenticeships
- Assessment Centre preparation
- Apprenticeship Open Days
- Application Support
- Experience of Apprenticeships

**Sixth Form at BBMS gives you the opportunity to prepare for, and experience the world of work...**

- CV Support
- Careers advice
- Interview preparation
- Assessment centres
- Mock interviews
- Work experience
- Industry visits

**Sixth Form at BBMS gives you the skills to succeed at University...**

- UCAS Support
- UCAS convention
- Open Days
- Queen's Academy
- Queen's Pathway
- Ulster University, Outreach Programme



# Curriculum Choices

We provide a wide range of personalised courses to match the abilities, demands and needs of Sixth Form pupils. We maximise access to Higher Education, Apprenticeships, training and employment through a range of traditional A-Levels and BTEC courses. All pupils in Sixth Form also take part in Enrichment activities to provide a break from their studies and develop the skills that are necessary for any pathway today.

## 1 Year Pathway, Level 2

### Content:

1. GCSE English
2. GCSE Maths
3. 2 additional GCSEs -  
Employability & Vocational Studies
4. IT Skills
5. Work Ready programme and Careers
6. Enrichment

### Destinations:

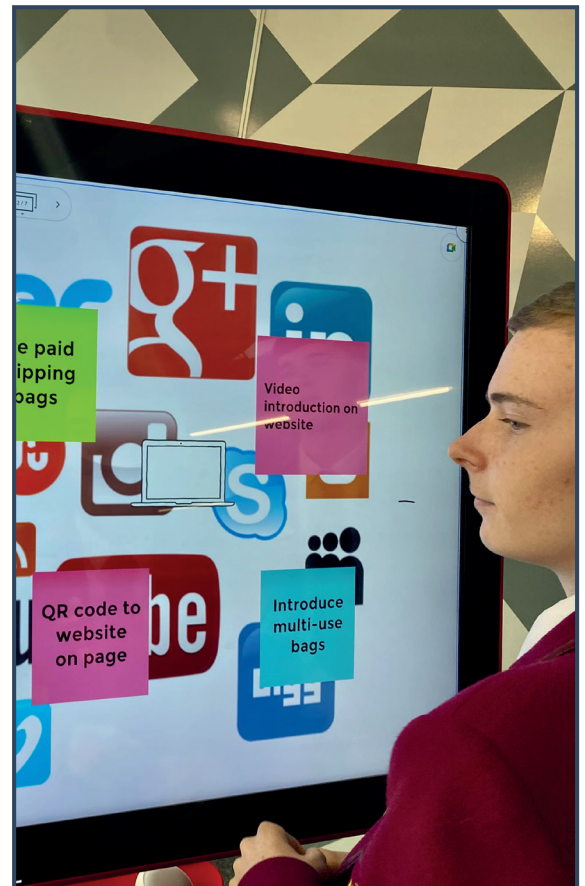
1. 2 Year A Level course - Level 3
2. Further Education
3. Employment

Full details of the courses offered can be found in the pocket at the back of this brochure.

This innovative course allows you to prepare for the world of work, while also completing your GCSE English and Maths, essential qualifications for employers, Apprenticeships and career progression. We want to make you 'Work Ready' and we have a programme and qualifications in place that helps you to develop the skills employers demand in all sectors, including valuable work shadowing and a wide range of industry visits. These are key to CV building and giving access to competitive Level 2 Apprenticeships, as well as providing the opportunity to return to Sixth Form for A Levels.

The Work Ready programme is unique because it gives you the opportunity to build skills, through a tailored and focussed curriculum. This course is designed to help you show employers that you are ready for the world of work and assists you in your personal, social and academic development.

As part of this course you will also take part in Enrichment activities where you can choose from options such as First Aid, Boxing, Upcycling, competitive Football, Coding & App building to name a few.



# Curriculum Choices

Post 16 subjects will be determined by pupils' demand and combinations of subjects will follow pupils' choice trends.

Pupils will select their final Post 16 choices in their Return to Sixth Form interviews following GCSE results day, where they will obtain specialised Careers advice and guidance from the Senior Careers staff.

## 2 Year Pathway

### Content:

1. 3 A Levels or equivalents
2. GCSE English or Maths, as required
3. Enrichment
4. Careers

### Destinations:

1. Higher Education
2. Further Education
3. Higher Level Apprenticeships
4. Employment

All of our Level 3 courses allow progression to Higher Level Apprenticeships and Further and Higher Education. If you have a specific progression route in mind, we will guide you to ensure that you have the correct combination of subjects to gain access to your chosen course, as certain courses and programmes will have specific combination of subjects and qualification types. Our A Level Pathway provides links to Industry, Further Education and Higher Education, to ensure that you choose the progression route that is right for you. We work alongside employers and educational institutions such as The Merchant Hotel, PwC, Citi, Allstate, Career Ready, Belfast Metropolitan College, Ulster University and Queen's University, Belfast.



# Ask the 6th Form

## Jack McKinney, Year 14

### I may need to study in another school. Do I need to worry?

*Studying in other schools has given me a very unique and special A level experience. I have been able to study subjects not offered at BBMS, while still contributing to the very vibrant Senior School environment at the Model. I also have developed my social skills and met many new people from different backgrounds. I believe this will equip me for the challenges to come, such as starting university and being exposed to a new environment or being able to work effectively with people I don't know personally. I feel absolutely privileged to be able to go down the career path I want, while still receiving the top-class pastoral support that the Belfast Boys' Model is known for.*



## Brandon Bradford, Year 13

### In what way is 6th Form different from normal school?

*Sixth Form is very different from normal school as you are given so much freedom to be able to focus on your work. Our designated Private Study area allows us to have a good working environment and ICT access. We even have our own café – The Brew, where we can get breakfast and lunch. Sixth Form suddenly feels like you have more respect from your peers and your teachers because you are spoken to and treated like an adult. I especially enjoy having the extra responsibility of being Prefect and being able to 'meet and greet' visitors who come to our school.*



## Owen Linton, Year 13

### I don't know what subjects to choose, what should I do?

*When picking your subjects, make sure that you are picking courses that you have enjoyed studying throughout school. Don't choose your subjects based on what your friends are doing or if there is a teacher you like in a specific subject. Make sure that the subjects you pick are going to benefit you when it comes to thinking about life after school. The Careers teachers are always available to help and give advice on the correct path to choose.*



## Charlie Neill - Year 14

### What extracurricular opportunities are there?

*There are a wide range of different extracurricular activities that the school has to offer, even ones particularly aimed at Senior School Year pupils. I participated in the football team from Year 8 all the way up to Year 14. Being part of the team has given me the opportunity to travel all across the country competing in cup and league matches and has also enabled me to develop a range of skills, including my communication, teamwork and leadership skills. Being part of Sixth Form. I have used these leadership skills as I now assist in leading the Junior School Boxing Club, teaching younger pupils how to box, helping them develop skills and qualities like discipline and commitment, as well as getting them to participate in team building activities to make new friends and this is something I really enjoy. Taking part in different extracurricular activities and teams will change your outlook on school and may even help change your life if you are truly interested.*



## Darryl Taylor, Year 14

### How different are A-Levels compared to GCSE's?

*I had always been told about the 'big jump' between studying GCSEs and moving onto A levels. The increased workload, responsibility and level of independent study required becomes instantly apparent when you move to Sixth Form. However, if you are driven, committed, and dedicated, you will succeed! If you work for it, you will achieve it, and even if you need some support along the way, there is an amazing support system in Sixth Form who are devoted to ensuring your success.*



## Sandile Simbanda - Year 14

### I am an external student coming into the school, should I be worried

*I moved to Belfast Boys' Model from a neighbouring school as they did not offer the subjects that I wanted to study at A Level. Before joining the school I was worried that I would find it hard settling in and making friends, as most of the other guys have been in the same classes since first year. Coming into a new building filled with people you have never met can be intimidating, however, luckily for me the pupils and staff were very welcoming and I quickly found a group of friends who have similar goals and aspirations to me. So if anyone was thinking about here as an option for A Levels, I would tell them that it's a good choice.*



# Beyond The Classroom

## Sixth Form Life

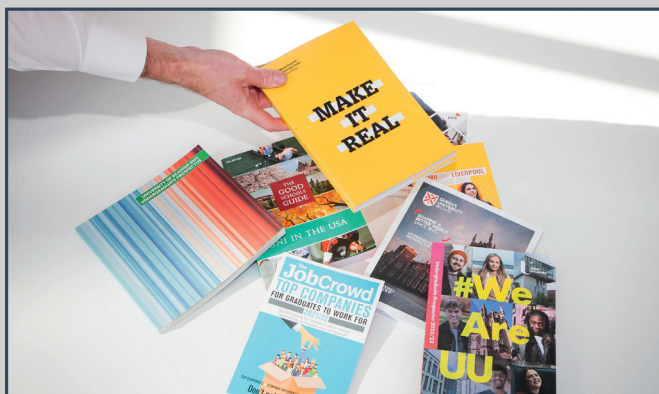
Our exciting Sixth Form centre provides our pupils with a space they can call their own. The Sixth Form hub, common room, computer suites and study area provide facilities that allow our pupils to meet the demands of Sixth Form life. Our Sixth Form pupils benefit from increased freedom and responsibility, which allows them to progress academically and personally. One of the stand-out privileges our Sixth Form benefit from is the Annual School Formal, which allows our pupils to celebrate their education and the successes they have had along the way.



## Focus on the Future

We work with our pupils to help equip them with the skills, understanding, confidence and resilience needed for their future. We aim to develop a commitment to lifelong learning in all of our pupils so that they can be successful in their chosen pathway after they leave us. The careers guidance and advice programme for all Sixth Form pupils includes CV and interview technique workshops, Assessment Centre preparations and work shadowing. All pupils attend the UCAS convention and experts from local universities come into school to provide information to the pupils regarding the application process. Pupils are supported by a dedicated team of Sixth Form careers staff through their UCAS applications. Workshops are also provided for pupils on Student Finance.

We have developed partnerships with Belfast Met, Ulster University, Queen's University, Belfast and employers to ensure all our pupils choose the option that is appropriate for them to be successful and happy in their future life.



## Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral team provide support that allows our Senior pupils to thrive, both academically and personally. All pupils have Form Class every morning and an Assembly once a week. Senior School pupils have their own Counsellor who provides support and will assist in a whole range of other areas of school life. In addition, we have external counsellors who are available to help our pupils get specialist help, when required. Pupils are supported through their Senior School journey and given confidential, impartial advice to help them every step of the way.





## Prefect System

Belfast Boys' Model School prides itself on appointing a team of diligent, hardworking students to the role of prefect to assist with the day to day running of the wider school community. In Year 13, pupils can be awarded the role of Prefect for carrying out duties, meeting and greeting visitors, contributing to pupil welfare, or raising social awareness. Our Prefects are vital and ensure the smooth running of our school. They are also Mentors for younger students and help instil the 'Model' core values in all students.

In Year 14 students have the opportunity to become a Senior Prefect. These roles include Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy and Senior Prefect. A rigorous application process is undertaken in a competitive environment. Through the year, pupils will receive many opportunities to develop their skills in the Pupil Senior Leadership Team. They experience a tailored Leadership programme, organise the formal, raise money for charity and ensure pupil wellbeing is a priority. All these opportunities help prepare them for their chosen progression route.



## Support for Success

Our Sixth Form Team are committed to supporting our pupils in every aspect of their lives. Our pupils praise the supportive relationships that our Sixth Form Team build, often going above and beyond to ensure success. Our pupils are given the opportunity to successfully take part in:

1. Queen's Academy and Queen's Pathways programme
2. Erasmus project
3. Careers Ready programme
4. Generation Innovation Work Placement
5. Learning Mentor to support Level 3 study
6. UU Outreach Academy



## Bursaries

Annually, three bursaries of £3000 have been awarded to the top performing Year 14 pupils, who move onto Higher Education. Additionally we have 2 bursaries which are awarded to the top performing pupils who progress onto a Higher National Diploma and a Higher Level Apprenticeship. Your academic and personal development will be recognised in our Sixth Form, and you will be supported beyond BBMS.

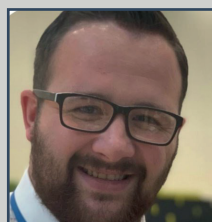


# Where BBMS can take you - Careers

- Civil Service
- Software developer at Allstate, NI
- Marketing Coordinator at California State Uni.
- Senior Social Worker
- BT
- PwC
- Project manager at RWE Renewables
- AutoCAD Technician
- CCEA
- Army - Infantry
- Navy - submariner
- RAF - engineering
- Workforce Training Gold Programme (auto repair – VW)
- RiverPark Training - Auto Decal
- H&W, Mercedes, VW, NI Trucks Apprenticeships
- Mercedes Apprenticeship
- Thales Engineering
- Thompson Aerospace



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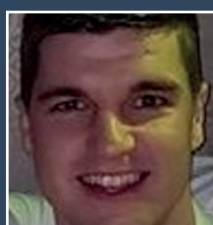
**William Holland**  
Architectural Technologist  
Architectural Design  
Partnership



**Michael Leathem**  
Crew Training Instructor  
Easyjet



**Jordan Hamilton**  
UX Designer  
Global Payments



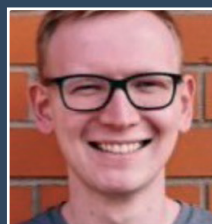
**Adam Wright**  
Assistant Manager  
Belfast Health & Social  
Care Trust



**Mark Jameson**  
Senior Associate  
PwC



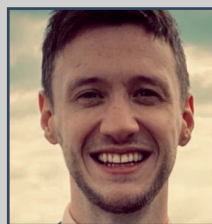
**Jonathon Clarke**  
CEO  
Locate a Locum



**Jack Robb**  
Web Application Developer  
Allstate Northern Ireland



**Jonny Adams**  
Senior Actuarial Associate  
XPS Pensions Group



**Gary Bradshaw**  
Trade Surveillance Senior  
Analyst  
Citi

# Where BBMS can take you - Universities

- Ulster University
- Queens University, Belfast
- Stranmillis University College
- Liverpool Hope University
- Liverpool John Moores
- Salford University
- Hartbury University
- Oxford Brookes

<b>ARTS, HUMANITIES &amp; SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>	BA English Language with Psychology	BSc Advertising with Computing
	BA Journalism with English	BA Theology
	BA Art and Design	Performers Diploma in Professional Dance and Musical Theatre
	BSc Creative Technologies	LLB Law
	BA Media Studies and Production	LLB Law with Politics
	BSc Interactive Media	LLB Law with Criminology
	BA Photography with Video	LLB Law With Accounting
	BSc Advertising with Computing	BSc Sociology with Criminology
	BA Politics	BSc Criminology and Criminal Justice
	BA History and Philosophy	BSc Politics with Criminology
	BSc Community Youth Work	

<b>COMPUTING, ENGINEERING &amp; THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT</b>	BSc Technology with Design	BSc Computer Networks
	BSc Architectural Technology & Management	BSc Computer Games Design and Development
	BSc Real Estate	BSc Computer Science
	BEng Software Engineering	BSc Computer Forensics
	BSc Information Technologies	
	BSc Computing Technologies	

<b>LIFE &amp; HEALTH SCIENCES</b>	BSc Sport, Physical Activity & Health	BSc Biomedical Engineering
	BSc Sport Business & Coaching	BSc Biomedical Sciences
	BSc Sport & Exercise Sciences	BSc Biomedical Science with Foundation Year
	BSc Sports Studies	BSc Biology with DPP/DIAS
	BSc Sports Coaching	BSc Therapeutic Communication and Counselling Studies
	BA Esports	
	BSc Health, Physical Activity & Sport	

<b>BUSINESS</b>	BSc Accounting & Finance	BSc International Hospitality Management
	BSc Accounting with Law	BSc Leisure & Events Management
	BA Business Management	BSc International Travel & Tourism Management
	BSc Business Studies	
	BSc Economics	



# Duke Of Edinburgh Award Scheme

First Aid

# TAMHI

Hospitality

**BOXING**  
Photography

Lighthouse Mentoring

Primary School

# The Voice

Mentoring

FOOTBALL ACADEMY

# ERASMUS

## Enrichment

Innovation Factory

YWIC Learning Together Programme

# Health and Fitness

Music Performance

IFA Sports Coaching

# Streetbeat

Tiling & Upcycling

General Indoor Sports

# Young Enterprise: Coding & App Building

