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Budehaven Sixth Form

Sixth Form Student Achievements

We are extremely proud that many students' hard work resulted in an offer from their first choice university and all students who applied for a university place were successful.

Here are just some of this year's results:

Summer 2026

• Millie	A A A	Geography, Cardiff
• Erin	A B D*	Primary Teaching, UWE
• Amy	A A A B	Biochemistry, Keele
• Luke	A A B	Engineering, Cardiff
• Nancy	A A A*	History, Warwick

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From the Headteacher



Dominic Wilkes

Headteacher

Dear Student

Thank you for considering Budehaven Sixth Form as the next stage in your educational journey.

Choosing where to study after Year 11 is one of the most important decisions you will make. The world you are preparing to enter is changing rapidly, shaped by technological innovation, artificial intelligence, global connectivity and an evolving employment landscape. More than ever, young people need excellent qualifications, strong character, adaptability and the confidence to succeed in an increasingly complex and competitive world.

At Budehaven Sixth Form, we believe that ambitious young people achieve exceptional outcomes when outstanding teaching, exceptional opportunities and personalised support come together. Our ambition is to be the first choice for ambitious young people across North Cornwall, North Devon and the surrounding area, offering an educational experience that combines academic excellence, high-quality vocational pathways and a genuine sense of belonging.

Whether your aspirations are to progress to a leading university, secure a degree apprenticeship, pursue professional training or enter the world of work, we are committed to helping you achieve your goals. We offer a broad range of both academic and vocational Level 3 qualifications, enabling students to follow pathways that reflect their strengths, interests and future ambitions while keeping opportunities open for the years ahead.

What makes Budehaven Sixth Form distinctive is our belief that exceptional outcomes are built on exceptional relationships. Every student is known, challenged and supported as an individual, ensuring they receive both the academic stretch and personal guidance needed to fulfil their potential. We combine the breadth and ambition of a larger provider with a thriving community and personalised support that are the hallmarks of a successful Sixth Form.

Here, students are never simply a number. They develop strong relationships with specialist teachers, tutors and leaders who understand their aspirations and are committed to helping them succeed. Our expectations are high because we believe in the potential of every young person who joins us. Specialist teaching, personalised guidance and a culture of ambition encourage students to work hard, think independently and aim beyond what they initially thought possible. We place equal value on academic and vocational excellence, recognising that success looks different for every individual and that there are many routes to fulfilling and rewarding futures.

Beyond the classroom, students benefit from a wide range of enrichment opportunities, leadership experiences, employer engagement, work experience and personal development programmes. These experiences help to develop the confidence, independence and wider skills that universities, employers and apprenticeship providers increasingly value. Our aim is not only for students to leave with excellent qualifications, but also with the character, resilience and experiences needed to thrive in adult life.

Each year, our students progress to leading universities, competitive apprenticeships, professional training programmes and rewarding careers across a wide range of sectors. Their success reflects a culture of high expectations, strong relationships and a shared commitment to excellence. We take great pride in seeing our students develop into confident, ambitious and well-rounded young adults who make a positive contribution to their communities and beyond.

Choosing Budehaven Sixth Form means choosing an environment where ambitious goals are encouraged and achievement is expected, all within a community that offers personalised support, expert teaching and a strong sense of belonging. It is a place where students are challenged academically, developed personally and prepared successfully for the next stage of their lives.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of what makes Budehaven Sixth Form such a special place. I look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to our thriving Sixth Form community.



Dominic Wilkes
Headteacher

From the Head of Sixth Form



Steve Johns

Head of Sixth Form

Dear Student,

We are immensely proud of our Sixth Form and the achievements of our young adults. Choosing where to spend your post-16 years is one of the most pivotal decisions in your educational journey. Joining Budehaven Sixth Form means surrounding yourself with the environment, support, and challenge you need to excel in your chosen subjects and build a strong foundation for a fulfilling life and career.

Why Choose Budehaven Sixth Form?

Pastoral care and mentorship: You will have dedicated Sixth Form tutors and a leadership team who are readily available to support every aspect of your life here - academic, personal, and social.

Locality and focus: Studying close to home means you lose less time to commuting and have more time to focus on your studies, your passions, and your personal balance.

University and higher education: If your goal is a degree program or higher-level academic study, the opportunities ahead are vast. Advanced Level 3 qualifications are your passport to opening these doors.

Professional pathways: If you are aiming toward professions that require a degree - such as medicine, law, engineering, teaching or accountancy - you will find the academic rigour and guidance needed to get you there.

Employment and skills: You will enhance your future prospects by building valid, meaningful work experience alongside your studies, ensuring you leave us workforce-ready.

Continuity and community: Transitioning into post-16 study brings exciting new independence. Whether you are continuing with us or joining our community for the first time, you will find welcoming surroundings, strong relationships, and an environment where you are valued.

A Personal Welcome

Your Sixth Form years are an exceptional opportunity for you to discover your strengths, build resilience, and develop the personal attributes that will shape your future. We are committed to providing you the conditions where high expectations go hand in hand with care, helping every individual achieve their personal best and step confidently into your future instead. I encourage you to embrace every challenge and take full advantage of everything on offer.

Next Steps and Important Dates

The following pages outline our curriculum offer and what you can expect from life in our Sixth Form. Please take the time to explore your options carefully.

- **Sixth Form Experience Day:** Wednesday 16th December 2026. This day gives you a real taste of post-16 life and our Sixth Form community. Please complete your Experience Day Subject Choice Form with your tutor.
- **Application Deadline:** Applications must be submitted by Friday 27th November 2026.
- **Applications :** Please email us directly requesting an application form: michelle.skipp@budehaven.cornwall.sch.uk; alternatively, application forms are available to print from our website.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Johns

Mr. S. Johns
Head of Sixth Form

Advanced level Courses (Two Year)

If you wish to study three or four courses from the following subject list you will need to meet the entry requirements for that subject.

- Art - A Level
- Biology - A Level
- Chemistry - A Level
- Creative Digital Media Production - BTEC
- Design Technology - A Level
- English Literature - A Level
- Food Science and Nutrition - AAQ
- Geography - A Level
- Health and Social Care - AAQ
- History - A Level
- Mathematics - A level
- Further Mathematics - A Level
- Modern Languages - French - A Level
- Modern Languages - Spanish - A Level
- Music - A Level
- Photography - A Level
- Physics - A Level
- Psychology - A Level
- Sociology- A Level
- Sport & Exercise Science - BTEC

Extended Diploma in Sport

- Extended Diploma in Sport (Equivalent to three A Levels)

This course **cannot** be taken with any other subjects

Note: Courses will only run if a viable number of students wish to take them.

Entry Requirements

Academic Pathway

A Level qualifications

Art & Design, Photography,
Design Technology
Biology, Chemistry, Physics
English Literature
Geography
History
Mathematics,
Further Mathematics
French, Spanish
Music
Psychology, Sociology

Combination Pathway

A mix of both Academic
A Levels and
Professional qualifications

Professional Pathway

BTEC Sport
Extended Diploma
(Equivalent to three A Levels)

Or

- Creative Digital Media
- Health & Social Care
- Food Science & Nutrition
- Sport & Exercise Science

These courses are either
BTEC or Alternative
Academic Qualification (AAQ).

Entry Requirements :

Budehaven Community School Sixth Form entry requirements are a minimum of five grade 4s at GCSE to include English and/or Maths.

Individual subject requirements must also be met
(see entry requirements on subject information sheets).

Choosing your subjects

Consider what interests you and make sure that you read the course details in this prospectus carefully to see what each course would entail.

Learning Style and Method of Assessment:

Courses vary in terms of the style of learning and how students are assessed, which are the principal differences between the three different academic pathways above. Courses on the professional pathway are based on assignment completion and continuous assessment.

Students must carefully consider which style of learning and methods of assessment will give them the greatest opportunity to succeed.

Career:

Certain careers require specific subjects at A Level. For example, Medicine requires A-level Chemistry; Engineering courses require Mathematics at A-level and often Physics in addition.

Advice about the entry requirements for employment or university courses is available from the Head of Sixth Form, subject teachers and the School's Careers Advisor.

6th Form University Destinations



Name	University	Course
Dominic	University of Portsmouth	Fashion Marketing
Chloe	University of Plymouth	Social Work
Zeb	Bath Spa University	Commercial Music
Ella	Nottingham Trent University	Criminology and Policing
Toby	City St George's, University of London	Journalism, Politics and History
Luke	Cardiff University	Mechanical Engineering
Millie	Cardiff University	Human Geography
Kieran	Cardiff University	Physical Geography
Chloe	University of Portsmouth	Primary Education
Chloe	Cornwall College	Agriculture
Pheobe	University of Portsmouth	Criminology and Forensic Investigation
Jessica	University of Southampton	Modern Languages
Cassie	Plymouth Marjon University	Physiotherapy
Charlie	Swansea University	Chemical Engineering
Natasha	Falmouth University	Photography
Ahmad	University of Westminster, London	English Language and International Communication
Amelia	University of Plymouth	Psychology
Evie	Bristol, UWE	Environmental Science
Adam	Bristol, UWE	Audio and Music Technology
Michael	University of Plymouth	Environmental Science
Finley	Bath Spa University	Music
Harry	Bangor University	Geography
Molly	University of Exeter	LLB Law with Professional Placement
Amy	Keele University	Biochemistry
Erin	Bristol, UWE	Primary Education
Tayla	University of Portsmouth	Psychology
Nancy	University of Warwick	History

Pathways

Budehaven Students move on to a very wide array of courses, employment and adventures once they complete their qualifications with us. We love to keep in touch with our alumni to see where their pathways have taken them and regularly welcome them back to talk to our student community about their roles and lives.

Danni



GCSEs

French
Drama
Business
History

Level 3

A-levels
English Literature
Sociology
English Language

Enrichment @ Budehaven

Volunteer student services and Sixth Form President

Higher Education

Cardiff University –
BA Journalism, media and English literature

Career Pathway

BBC Radio 1
Broadcaster

Liam



GCSEs

Drama
Computing
Catering
Music

Level 3

Media
ICT
Music

Enrichment @ Budehaven

Lighting and sound facilitator

Higher Education

Rose Bruford College BA
Creative Lighting Control

Career Pathway

Company owner
LDLS Lighting and Sound
Freelance Work

Kelsey



GCSEs

Triple science
History
Spanish
ICT

Level 3

A-levels
Chemistry
Biology
Spanish

Enrichment @ Budehaven

Student support
Charity officer
Sixth Form Committee

Higher Education

University of Liverpool BSC Pharmacology
University of Sheffield MDH Neuro-oncology

Career Pathway

PHD student at University of Sheffield
(Cancer research)

Georgina



GCSEs

Business Studies
Triple science
Geography
French

Level 3

A-levels
Geography
Psychology
English literature

Enrichment @ Budehaven

Higher sports leader qualification
Asdan Cope

Higher Education

University West of England
Adult nursing

Career Pathway

NDDH Specialist nurse

Rory



GCSEs

Geography
Spanish
Sport Science
Computing

Level 3

A-levels
Geography
Psychology
Sport Science

Enrichment @ Budehaven

Higher sports leader qualification

Higher Education

Bath University
MSci Sport Science

Career Pathway

Science and PE Teacher

Caitlin



GCSEs

Triple Science
Geography
History
Spanish
Art
Further Maths

Level 3

A-levels
Maths
Physics
Biology

Enrichment @ Budehaven

Sixth Form Committee
Sixth Form Hockey Team

Higher Education

University of Oxford
BA Biological Sciences
University of Exeter
MSc Conservation and Policy

Career Pathway

Founding Member of Annual Women in Conservation Conference
Real World Evidence Consultant for Clinical Trial Design

Amy



GCSEs

History
Geography
French
Triple Science

Level 3

A-levels
History
Geography
Triple Science

Enrichment @ Budehaven

Sixth Form Leadership Team

Higher Education

Oxford University
DPhil in Law

Career Pathway

Judicial assistant at the UK supreme court

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All subjects are fully linear meaning external exams in these subjects will be taken at the end of the two years.

A-Level courses involve much more in-depth study than GCSE, and to do well you will have to choose courses you know you enjoy and which you will be prepared to work hard at.

GCSE Mathematics and English Retakes

Many university courses and careers require English and Mathematics at GCSE Grade 4 or above.

It is also a government requirement that students retake English and maths GCSE if they have not yet achieved a pass grade.

This means that any student in the Sixth Form who has not yet passed their English or maths GCSE must attend re-sit classes in that subject and re-take their GCSE in November and/or June.

Exams and Assessment:

For most subjects, external exams are in June of year 13.
Grade targets will be set during the first term of Year 12, based on the student's GCSE performance and their progress is tracked against these. All students are mentored by their tutor and the Head of Sixth Form. This is a positive process, which aims to help students reach their full potential.

Additional Information

The Sixth Form Committee:
The Sixth Form heads the School's Leadership program and includes head students and members of the School Council. They meet regularly to discuss school leadership as well as social activities and general questions about Sixth Form life. Further leadership roles include ambassador positions

Social Activities:
These occur in various forms throughout the year (e.g. trips, visits and leaving party). We always welcome ideas and suggestions, and regard this aspect of Sixth Form life as very important. Social education should go hand-in-hand with academic education. We would like students to enjoy the Sixth Form as well as succeed.

Transport:

Students over 16 are responsible for their own journeys to school or college. If an over-16 wishes to travel on County Council provided transport, an application must be made to the:

Pupil Transport Team
Pupil Transport
West 3
New County Hall
Truro
TR1 3AY

Tel: 0300 1234 222

Further information is available on the County Council website:

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/post16transport

There is no free transport provision, the current charge is £708 per annum, which may be reviewed.

Holsworthy Transport:
Currently, students travel to school by the Number 6 Stagecoach Service.

16-19 Bursary:

Sixth Form students may apply for a Guaranteed or Discretionary Bursary to help with transport or course equipment costs incurred whilst attending Budehaven Sixth Form. Students should be in receipt of free school meals or low family incomes to be eligible for the bursary.

Sports:

Students can choose from a wide range of sporting activities, with opportunities to represent the Sixth Form at sporting fixtures.

Attendance:

All students are registered electronically in lessons. Students are expected to attend all timetabled lessons and morning tutor time. Absence must be reported to the Pastoral Support Assistant on the day of absence.

Student Conduct:

Students must conduct themselves with common sense, courtesy and respect for their surroundings.

We regard Sixth Form students as young adults and senior representatives of the school; they do not have to wear school uniform but must dress in an appropriate manner to

Contact with Parents/Carers

Though most Sixth Form students are developing their own independence at a faster rate than ever before, a supportive and two-way communication between home and school can be just as important as it is in lower school years. The following examples should serve to outline the Budehaven Sixth Form philosophy.

- There will be a formal parents' evening each year when all subject staff will be available to discuss progress.
- Additional parents' information evenings will be scheduled, where necessary, regarding, for example, the process for application to Higher Education.
- Sixth Form students will receive three progress reviews
- From time to time subject staff or tutors may write to, or telephone, the parents of individual students in order to celebrate particular achievements or to discuss a particular cause for concern.
- Parents are encouraged to communicate with subject staff, tutors or the Head of Sixth Form, if they have particular questions regarding the progress of their son or daughter.

Performance

Our 2026 Results

- 19% of Year 13 Students successfully accepted to a Russel Group University
- 58% of Year 13 Students were accepted to University

Budehaven's latest Ofsted Inspection Report

- "Students' progress on A Level courses was well above average overall."
- "The quality of teaching in the Sixth Form is Good."
- "Students are very appreciative of the level of personalised support they receive from subject teachers."
- "The great majority of students go on to higher education when they leave. A quarter of students gain places at prestigious universities."

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The Sixth Form Experience

Sixth Form Experience Day – Wednesday 16th December 2026

Once students have applied for their courses we invite them to try out the subjects that they have chosen and be a Sixth Form student for the day, attending lessons and spending time in the study centre speaking to current A Level students. We hope that this opportunity will enable our applicants to get a real feel for the A Level subjects they have chosen.

If an applicant is unable to attend the Experience Day we would be very happy to organise a personalised tour of our Sixth Form so that we can answer any questions you may have.

Work Experience:

A well organised and relevant work placement is a compulsory part of the Sixth Form experience. Students are encouraged to search for places away from Bude that are relevant for their future chosen vocation. In recent years, Higher Education institutions have stressed the need for time spent in a work environment where new skills can be learnt.

There is a Work Experience Co-ordinator at hand to help students locate a quality placement. Work experience can be undertaken for five days at any time in year 12, except during the exam periods







Learning Styles:

The main difference you will notice when starting Sixth Form courses is that teaching groups are smaller. This is a significant advantage in terms of both the individual tuition that you receive and the learning styles that your teacher will be able to adopt. Working relationships between students will be very important and those with staff will be on a much more mature level.

It is normal for those moving from GCSE to Advanced Level to find that it takes a while to adapt to new ways of working and to come to terms with the greater depth that is required. However, your teaching staff and tutors are well aware of this, and offer their full support in this transitional period.

As your course progresses, you will probably find that you are required to take a greater responsibility for your own learning. Though some tasks will be set on a week-to-week basis, others will be spread over a number of weeks and good time management is essential here.

Personal Tutorials:

You will be expected to attend tutor time each morning from 8:45 to 09:15 am. Your Sixth Form Tutor will meet you for an academic tutorial once per fortnight. During these sessions you will discuss your academic progress as well as other extracurricular achievements. Tutors support students using 'The A Level Mindset Programme' which offers structured activities, to develop key characteristics which will help you be successful. You can talk through any problems or difficulties and your tutor will help you to set both long and short term targets. These sessions are extremely important and contribute enormously to your future reference for university or employment.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

EPQ is an A-level standard standalone qualification designed to extend and develop your abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university or your future career.

- it can be taken as an extension of other Level 3 qualifications or vocational qualifications
- it's worth half an A-level
- it's recognised by universities and employers
- many universities make lower A-level offers to students undertaking an EPQ.

An EPQ will help you develop a useful range of extra study skills, helping you prepare for the demands of university work. It is valued by higher education institutions as it demonstrates your dedication to independent learning and is often included in offers made by institutions to applicants.

Duke of Edinburgh - Gold Award

You can continue your DofE journey here at Budehaven Sixth Form. DofE Gold will give you skills, confidence and an edge over others when you apply for university or jobs in the future. You'll develop communication, leadership and teamwork skills as well making a difference to other people's lives and your community. You'll also go on an exciting (and very challenging!) expedition and have memories to last you a lifetime. You'll also get your achievement celebrated at a presentation with a member of the Royal Family. So, it really is a big deal!

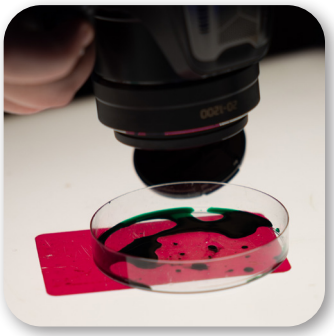
Independent Study:

The appearance of Independent Study Periods is one of the main differences between a GCSE and a Sixth Form timetable. For most students, it is the first time that they have had the responsibility for deciding what to do in a particular time-slot during the school day. Independent Study periods provide you with the opportunity to keep up-to-date with the work set by courses and are also an ideal opportunity for students to commit themselves to their enrichment e.g. mentoring younger students. Students should not arrange paid work shifts during school hours.

Sessions can be spent in rooms which relate to your subjects (e.g. Art, Design, IT or Science), or the Library is always available for silent, independent study. If students want to work in a group there are tables and computers available in the Sixth Form Study Centre.
All ICT rooms are available to Sixth Formers, when not in use by timetabled classes. There is also a timetabled 'Independent Study Classroom' available to all Sixth Form students during the school day.

Sports Leadership

A Level 3 Sports Leadership qualification equips you with generic leadership skills like planning, communication, and teamwork through sports, enabling you to lead activities for younger people, peers, or the community. It is a nationally recognised award, providing 16 UCAS points for university applications and improving CVs for future jobs. You will develop core leadership qualities such as communication, planning, and teamwork. You will gain confidence and experience in planning and leading sports sessions and activities. You will have opportunities to work at local sports festivals, clubs, and primary schools.



Nicole - *"Throughout my GCSEs I wasn't sure where I wanted to go after my exams, but I believe it became clear that Budehaven was a school I wanted to stay a part of. It's a community that supports you to do the best you can do, even on the days you aren't motivated, making sure your future and education is truly the best it can be.".*

Toby - *"I joined Budehaven Sixth Form after my GCSEs at another school. I have settled quickly and have made friends. I am enjoying the subjects that I have chosen and the teachers are very helpful in supporting me. Overall I am really enjoying my first term here.".*





Hattie - *"After completing my GCSEs in another school, I decided to continue my education at Budehaven. I was immediately attracted by how welcoming the teachers were on the Open Evening and how well they explained their subjects. The staff and my peers have been incredibly supportive, helping me to settle in to Sixth Form quickly. I have chosen to study biology, chemistry and maths and I believe that with the knowledge my teachers are providing me with, I will succeed in these subjects. ".*

Fletcher - *"Having attended Budehaven School from years 7 to 11, I have grown academically, and personally built many strong relationships with students and teachers around me. Now that I have joined the Sixth Form I am exited to continue my journey here as all of the teachers are supportive and specialists in their subjects. Overall I am extremely happy to be here, working in such a positive environment and excited to see what the future"*





Phoebe - *" I have chosen to continue my studies at Budehaven Sixth form, as I felt confident in the teaching and study relationship with my teachers, which I had previously encountered throughout my GCSE studies. I have chosen to take Mathematics, Chemistry and History for my A-Levels, recently starting these subject lessons and already showing fascination in the relevant content points, enabling me to develop a deeper expertise in these specific fields. Additionally, I know my travelling times would be substantially less by attending the sixth form, allowing me to have more free time to carry out my own independent revision studies outside of lessons and attend extracurricular sports clubs within the school week easily, without worries of compromising my outside hobbies with school work."*

Budehaven Sixth Form Online

www.budehaven.cornwall.sch.uk/Sixth-Form
www.instagram.com/budehavensixthformofficial

Visit the Sixth Form web pages to view full course information and to download an application form.

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