



# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School



## Inspiration and Excellence Fund

Here at BVGS our mission is simple: Inspiration and Excellence. This mission extends beyond the classroom and we are passionate about providing our students with 'The Vesey Experience'.

We offer 47 extra-curricular clubs across:  
Sports, Drama, Music and Academic Pursuits

# Message from the Headteacher

We know that Bishop Vesey's Grammar School is an outstanding Top 50 state school with outstanding students. But we pride ourselves on providing more than just academic excellence.

The Vesey Experience means teaching young people to have challenging and enquiring minds, enabling them to become well-rounded individuals with the breadth of skills and interests that go above and beyond academic excellence, and give them that competitive advantage when applying to University. Our parents, staff and students have come to expect this, and as the Headteacher, I strive to deliver this.



However, the funding landscape in which we operate has changed. Like many schools we are facing a reduction in our funding and this presents for us a challenge. As a school, we are working hard to ensure that the Vesey Experience – the thing that makes this school so special to our pupils – is not threatened. But to do this, we need your help.

Without your donations, as parents, to the Inspiration and Excellence Fund, we would not have been able to pay for our tennis and netball courts, for floodlights on Middle Field, or subsidise wonderful academic enrichment opportunities.

We have already experienced the power that the generosity of our parents, Governors and friends joining together can achieve. Without your help, we would not have raised £3.1 million for the Growing Vesey, Growing Minds twelve classroom STEM Block complete with robotics suite, completed in December 2016.

Do please complete the Inspiration and Excellence Fund form attached and return it marked Inspiration and Excellence Fund, which will guarantee appropriate levels of confidentiality and which will receive my personal attention.

Thank you in advance for your kind and generous support which will help to underpin our ambitions for the school and will be of direct benefit to your son or daughter.

Dominic Robson  
*Headteacher, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School*

# My Vesey Experience

Initially I was put on the waiting list for Vesey. I was going to go to John Willmott. Often, I consider how my life would've been if that had happened. Instead though, I have been able to benefit from Bishop Vesey and everything it has to offer.

The school has offered me invaluable opportunities for example, the chance to go to parliament as part of the Erdington Youth Parliament programme with my local MP Jack Dromey.

Also, the school has nurtured my interests and passions over the years. Taking Art A-level has meant that I have been able to go on several gallery visits across the country. We have visited exhibitions in Birmingham, Liverpool and London – all of which fuelled my passion for the subject.

This culminated in a suggestion to participate in the ARTiculation prize, where I placed in the regional heat. This gave me access to the ARTiculation alumni programme, putting me in contact with various experts and figures in the art world – a potential way to find work in the future.

The most significant suggestion though was a Cambridge outreach programme. After the suggestion, I found I was eligible and continued to attend two summer schools. Earlier in January I received an offer to study Linguistics at Christ's college Cambridge.

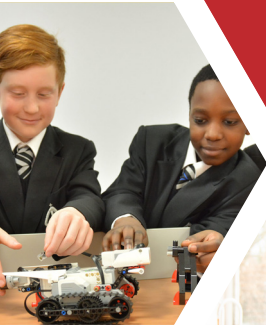
I see this achievement both as a product of my own effort but also of the opportunities that Vesey has offered me. Through financial support, academic guidance and the nourishment of good values the school has enabled me to overcome my situation – without all these opportunities offered by the school my story so far would be very different.

**Elliott Brown (OV2020)**



# What is the Vesey Experience?

**Encouraging  
enquiring  
minds**



**Enabling our  
students to  
become  
well-rounded**



**Opportunity to  
develop and  
nurture talent**





**Giving our students a competitive advantage**



**Participation for all**

**The pursuit of academic excellence**



“Outside of the classroom, Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School can offer pupils a variety of amazing opportunities.

Sports Tours to Ireland and Scotland where you can improve or learn new skills and build relationships with your teammates. We also compete against some of the best schools from across the country at rugby, hockey, netball, rowing, cross country and cricket.

Vesey has given me some fantastic experiences and I look forward to embracing future opportunities in my remaining time at the school.

**- George, Year 10**

# How can you help?

The Vesey Experience makes a real difference. Please help us maintain it through a standing order to Inspiration and Excellence Fund for just £20 or £30 per month.

All donations will be held by The Foundation Charity of Bishop Vesey's Grammar School (registered charity number: 517907), to be used in accordance with its charitable objectives and the ultimate decision about how the donation is spent rests with the trustees of the charity.

Please note that Gift Aid will add a further 25p in the pound to your donation.

For a standing order form or for more information, please contact the Development Office:

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For more information,  
visit **[bvgs.co.uk/support-bvgs](https://bvgs.co.uk/support-bvgs)**





It is difficult to imagine what more BVGS could do for those boys fortunate enough to attend: BVGS has provided our son with a hugely supportive academic environment, together with opportunities to participate in a variety of sports and musical activities at all levels, and also many other enrichment pursuits - both locally and internationally. The school has been consistently mindful of the overall well-being of the boys and we choose to donate knowing that every bit helps, and that the contributions are managed very sensibly.

**- Mark, Year 11 Parent**



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