



Headteacher

Alistair  
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Top character  
qualities developed

- Service
- Empathy
- Confidence
- Community awareness, neighbourliness and community spirit
- Social justice

## Bournemouth School for Girls

REGION South West

TYPE Academy Secondary School

STUDENTS 1140 of pupils aged 11-18

For us, social action is embedded through our house system. We encourage friendly competition across all subjects that includes social engagement and fundraising: each house votes on a charity and as a school we raise in the region of £10,000 across the academic year. **It's not just about raising money, however, but the more important personal sacrifice for the benefit of others.** We offer leadership experience that starts in Year 7 with roles including school council rep and recycling rep, developing year on year with form captain opportunities and prefect roles. Moreover, our pupils are encouraged to participate in community service – our chamber choir goes into local care homes and gives concerts that the residents tell us they love. **The Lions Club Award recognises the students who commit to 50 hours of community service.** Many pupils do DofE and this year we had six students invited to the palace to receive their gold awards. A group of our sixth formers went to Romania over the summer to volunteer in orphanages with the Libra Foundation, while one student travelled to Ecuador and another to Africa to help rebuild school facilities.

**We are reviewing the PSHE curriculum so that social action projects are embedded each year, with a strong focus on engagement which is more than fundraising alone.** The 'Snowdrop Award' encourages Year 7 pupils to join a school club, learn a new skill and 'make a difference'. We are always aware that affluent students may have greater access to extra-curricular opportunities but as Pupil Premium Award Winners, we are working hard to bridge the gap.

There's no doubting the strong correlation between those who are engaged in voluntary social action and those who are engaged in their academic work. We've seen our young women grow in self-confidence, in their ability to empathise and their concern for others. **We aim to create well-rounded, happy individuals who can make a difference when they leave school - we have no wish to be an exam factory!** We were very pleased when Ofsted recently reported that the students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development was "outstanding". We will do everything we can to keep that up.



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“ I have gained so many valuable skills that I know I will take forward with me through my entire life. I know I have personally developed my leadership, teamwork, organisation and creativity - to name just a few! ”

Rachel Ruck, 6th form  
student