

2025/2026 Year 9 Testimonials

Joe

Bishop Rawstorne is full of incredible opportunities whether you're looking to get into science, music, maths or anything that you enjoy.

The things that I have found the most exciting in my time in Bishops are the trips and the many lessons in school. Some of my favourite trips that have been are the Bridgewater Hall trip with music and the sculpture park. There are still many more trips to go on such as the Italy trip with geography or the many more trips.

The extra-curricular activities, such as coding club, soul band and athletics, allow you to explore your many abilities and opportunities in and out of school.

Sophia

Hello, my name is Sophia and I came from Holmeswood Methodist School. Moving up to a new school is scary and personally, I had none of my friends moving to Bishops with me. I was worried about having no one to support me with this big step. But, on the taster day I met lots of people and during the summer it helped me to know I would have someone to experience new school with me.

Holly

Hi, my name is Holly. I came from Ecclestone St Mary's Primary School. Coming to Bishops from primary school was nerve-racking, however it opened many new opportunities for me. I enjoy taking part in lots of afterschool sports such as:

- Handball
- Netball
- Rounders
- Badminton

I love taking part in the netball tournaments after school as I also play netball outside of school for Croston Falcons.

Ben

Hello, my name is Ben. I came from SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School in Mawdesley (the small one). To say I was nervous coming to Bishops would be an understatement. Coming from a school with just over 40 people in, I will tell you now – it's a massive change. And change is not easy, but Bishops makes the transition much smoother than you would think. Don't worry about meeting new people or finding your way around school. These things will come to you naturally over time. And do not worry about teachers, they are all really kind and friendly. Within just 3 years at this school, I have been able to:

- Join Student Voice and make decisions for the school.
- Interview people for jobs at this school.
- Work as a Student Librarian to help people pursue their love of books.
- Join many clubs, including Book Club and Games Club.

My advice to you in a few short points would be this:

- 1) Get involved in school – join clubs and groups and make your mark on the school community.
- 2) Be kind to people – one of the best things to do to make friends is just to be nice.

Olivia

Hi, my name Livvy and I came from Eccleston St Mary's Primary School. I remember in primary school, I was so scared to go to high school that I told everyone that I'd stay there forever. Obviously, that wasn't what happened, and I'm so glad that's the case. At high school, there are so many different things to take part in. Whether that's maths competitions, district athletics or even Lancashire cup games. For me, cricket is the main school sport. Every year, we go to the indoor and outdoor cricket tournaments within school time and if you win get through, you go to the Lancashire cup.

Elsa

Hi, my name is Elsa. I came from Euxton CofE Primary School. When I was in primary school, I was really scared to come to high school but after being here for a while you get used to it and can enjoy it. I enjoy taking part in afterschool sports such as:

- Athletics
- Netball
- Rounders
- Tennis
- Handball

At Bishops, there are many different things to take part in.

Eva

Hi, my name is Eva and I came from Moss Side Primary School. Moving from primary school to high school is a big step. I found it hard as I knew I would miss it, although I had some friends coming with me. Your first week or two Bishops is very welcoming and lots of fun activities take place. Your confidence also grows lots after a few weeks. Some things I find fun at bishops is sports day (its sooo fun, especially the running) and I love school trips too. In my opinion, the best school trips are the science zoo trip and the History war museum trip. The after-school clubs are also really fun; I did cheerleading for my first 2 years and really enjoyed it. Some tips for high school are always remembering your equipment, don't behave silly, take your work seriously and have fun!

Zachary

My name is Zachary and my favourite thing about Bishop Rawstorne is the opportunities for sport teams which help you create many friendships and memories along the way. There are also many school trips that are exiting and interesting such as the Imperial War Museum and Blackpool Zoo. Even though you may find high school a bit worrying, you will soon find yourself enjoying the brilliant experiences on school trips and everyday lessons.

Harry

My name is Harry and my favourite thing about Bishop Rawstorne so far has to be realising that school is not about the schoolwork that you do, but the experiences that you get from the opportunities gained from school. Not the like a random maths lesson, but all the school trips and sports experiences you gain from coming to school. I understand you may feel that high school is a bit daunting - and I think we all feel that way in the beginning - but I will promise you after that first day you will realise that high school is full of fun and wonderful experiences and people.

Sophie

Hi my name is Sophie, I went to Ecclestone St Mary's Primary School, and I was incredibly nervous coming to Bishops. I got lost on my first day going to the sports hall! But it was alright in the end. I'm now heading into Year 10 (we may seem scary, but most of us really aren't). I have managed to experience a lot of great things and meet a lot of great people. Don't worry about meeting new people and making new friends, the right people will come to you, and all the teachers are very kind and welcoming and are willing to help you with any problems you may encounter. In my time at Bishops so far, I've been able to:

- Become a student librarian (You get the opportunity in year nine and it's a great job for any sociable bookworms)
- Join multiple clubs including book club, games club and Soul Band
- Take part in multiple concerts with Soul Band

- I'm not a particularly sporty person but there are many sporting opportunities in school for any budding athletes!

I know the transition between primary and secondary can be very daunting and scary, but just remember that everyone's in the same boat, and everything takes some getting used to at first!