



Update from Lorraine Atkins, Principal

Life is never quiet for the students at Bishopstrow and we are constantly looking for ways to ensure they are prepared for their next school and the opportunities that will be available to them there. The introduction of House Meetings for each age group every fortnight has been a fundamental part of this preparation with all ages and genders having their say. They have the opportunity to win certificates and prizes individually and or per dorm, and suggest new ideas or improvements.



Bishopstrow's sporting highlights this term have included entering the ISA Tennis Championships in Devon with the Senior Boys finishing 3rd and the Senior Girls finishing 5th. We have initiated our first ever fixtures programme for the younger students, with the Juniors competing in the Quad Kids Athletics Competition at Bath University against 220 pupils. Our Senior Boys competed in their first Quad Series Basketball Competition, narrowly losing 25-24 to Monkton Combe and beating Ashwicke International School 52-41. The highlight of the term was when the College played the Bishopstrow Village cricket team. Despite narrowly losing, the students were able to learn the benefits of the match tea!

We are as always sad to say good bye to our students, but it is a pleasure to know we have helped them on their way to their destination school. We congratulate our students on the hard work that they have put in to their preparation for examinations and interviews, but also their perseverance in speaking and now thinking in English.

Fees for 2017/18 Academic Year

We are pleased to confirm fees for our Programmes for the 2017/18 academic year. Termly fees for the Lower College Programme remain unchanged at £11,100 per term, whilst other programmes will see a modest increase in fees as follows:

- Middle College Programme: £11,500 per term
- Upper College Programme (including Pre-A Level Programme): £11,700 per term
- 1 Year IGCSE/Pre-IB Programme: £11,900 per term
- Academic Summer Programme: £5,750

Registration Fees and the Deposit remain unchanged. Further details can be found at: <https://www.bishopstrow.com/fees/>

New Pre-A Level Programme for 2017/18

We are delighted to confirm that in January 2018, we will be launching a new Pre-A Level Programme for international students who have completed O Levels or equivalent in their home country, who are looking to enter sixth form at a leading boarding school in the UK. The Pre-A Level Programme is designed to provide an excellent preparation for international students before they commence their A Level studies or the IB Diploma Programme at a mainstream boarding school. Applicants are likely to be 15 or 16 years of age on entry, with an upper intermediate level of English (Level B2 on the Common European Framework).

The Pre-A Level Programme timetable will comprise 30 hours of academic tuition and 7.5 hours of supervised prep. Students will develop skills in academic English at IELTS Level 5.5 to 6.5, with a focus on applying reading, writing, speaking and listening techniques to the study of a range of subjects at an advanced level. Students will learn how to transfer their academic language skills to the study of three fields of Science, Maths and Humanities subjects. Students will also be given the opportunity to enhance their creative and reflective skills during weekly Art sessions.

Agents can earn a commission of 15% on this Programme. Further details can be found at: <https://www.bishopstrow.com/pre-a-level-programme/>

Flywire

In 2016, the College established a partnership with Flywire, to facilitate online payment of fees. With Flywire, payment of fees can be made in the local currency by bank transfer, credit or debit card, at a guaranteed lowest cost. Flywire is our preferred method of payment, as it ensures that the College receives the full amount with the invoice number referenced, so we can easily reconcile payments.

Please do encourage your clients to use the Flywire link, which is accessible via the online Registration Form page on our website: <https://www.bishopstrow.com/registration-form/>



New Teaching Partnerships Announced

We are pleased to confirm that Teaching Partnerships with Glenalmond College, Roedean School, Royal Russell School and St Lawrence College have recently been approved by UKVI.

The College now maintains Teaching Partnerships validated by UKVI, with c.60 schools. Under these Teaching Partnerships, students with a confirmed offer of a place at a partner school can attend a pre-session programme at Bishopstrow College, where the partner school issues the CAS and Tier 4 visa, covering the period of study at Bishopstrow. Details of all of the College's Teaching Partnerships can be found at: <https://www.bishopstrow.com/partner-schools/>

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