



# BISHOPSTROW COLLEGE

A pathway to excellence

## Principal

**Bishopstrow College is one of the UK's leading International Study Centres. The College provides English language and academic pathway programmes to prepare international students, aged 7 to 17 years, for entry into independent boarding schools in the UK. The College operates as a traditional British boarding school, but with an innovative four-term academic year. Students are enrolled on a rolling basis, staying for a minimum of one term and up to a maximum of four terms.**

The College was launched in 2006 by its founding proprietors, who retired in 2014. The College was then acquired by the current Directors, who have pursued a growth strategy for the College, in response to the continuing demand for a British boarding school education from wealthy families around the world. An ambitious Development Plan is now being implemented, which to date has included the opening of a new classroom block and the addition of two new boarding houses.

Bishopstrow College occupies a niche position in the small, but growing International Study Centre segment of the independent schools market. Unlike most other International Study Centres, Bishopstrow is not affiliated to one school, but has well established relationships with many leading independent boarding schools. In addition to being the only truly independent International Study Centre, Bishopstrow is also unique in that it prepares international students as young as 7 years for the UK's independent school system.

The College is a member of the Independent Schools Association and the Boarding Schools Association and is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English to international students in the UK. Bishopstrow is also a member of English UK and an Authorised Centre for the University of Cambridge English Language Assessment examinations and a Cambridge International Centre for the University of Cambridge International Examinations.

### The Programme

The College enrolls up to 90 international students each term, usually from 20 different nationalities, for intensive English language immersion and pre-boarding preparation courses. The Programme also includes a daily sports programme, where students are introduced to traditional British sports, such as hockey, netball and rugby, plus a weekly Sunday excursion. Students are prepared quickly, in a minimum of one term to a maximum of four terms, until ready for entry into mainstream boarding schools. The College works closely with students, parents and agents to help with all arrangements for applications to these schools.

Students gain 100% success in Cambridge English Language Assessment and/or IGCSE examinations and are then presented confidently and successfully to over 100 top independent schools in the UK, including Badminton, Bradfield College, Cheltenham Ladies' College, Dulwich College, Highfield, Marlborough College and The Dragon School.

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## The Campus

Set in 8 acres amid beautiful Wiltshire countryside, the College has prospered from its early days in the main Barrow House, benefitting from significant ongoing investment in facilities, which now extend to include a Senior Boys' boarding house (located a short distance from the main campus), two further boarding houses (across the road from the main campus) a Multi-Use Games Area and a new, state-of-the-art classroom block, which opened in September 2014.

## The Opportunity

The Directors are currently seeking to appoint a Principal to commence September 2019. Working with the Directors and the Senior Management Team, the Principal will be responsible for the efficient and effective running of the academic, pastoral and some operational aspects of the College, its students and staff.

In terms of key responsibilities, the Principal has overall responsibility for the management and leadership of the College's academic activities and pastoral care, including adherence to the core compliance requirements, as well as supporting, leading and managing engagement with external stakeholders, including parents, agents, schools and other bodies.

The Directors are seeking a collaborative leader who has substantial breadth of experience and understanding of the UK boarding school environment. The ideal leader will have the ability to both steer and manage staff to ensure an ever engaging programme for students, as well as allowing and encouraging others to take on new responsibilities and to develop professionally.

## Application Process

The closing date for applications is Friday 15 March, 2019. Early applications are encouraged.

Interviews will be held as soon as possible. We reserve the right to offer the post at any stage in the appointment process or not to offer the post. For an application pack please email: [recruitment@bishopstrow.com](mailto:recruitment@bishopstrow.com) or visit our website: <https://www.bishopstrow.com/job-opportunities/>

**All placements are subject to enhanced DBS clearance.**

**The College is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

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