



## *Bishopstrow College – June 2019 Newsletter*



### *A final farewell*

A final farewell to Bishopstrow from Principal Lorraine Atkins who is moving to our sister school Padworth College. 'As I come to the end of my tenure at Bishopstrow I come back to the question I am frequently asked, 'What is Bishopstrow?'



It is a question that is not as straightforward to answer as it would first appear. Bishopstrow has five basic virtues: to be kind, to be polite, to be hard working, to be organised, and to be a team player. These underpin everything that is Bishopstrow within the classroom, the boarding house and on the sports field. The students are kept busy and have to speak English within every area of the College. As the students leave Bishopstrow this week I hope that they take the 5 virtues with them but I also hope that they, like me, take something that someone who has not been here will never be able to know or truly understand. I hope that in their hearts there is a little bit of Bishopstrow engraved with the memories of the journey that they have been on throughout their time at the College; but most importantly the friendships, support and fun that they have experienced along the way.

I wish Stuart and his wife Deborah every happiness at Bishopstrow and have no doubts that they will take the college from strength to strength.

And finally thank you all for your support throughout my time at Bishopstrow, I look forward to working with you again at Padworth.

### *Principal's Term 3 update*

This term has been very busy and there has been a real buzz of activity around the College. Some students have had the pressures of IGCSE and English language examinations, their ability to cope with the pressure has been phenomenal and they should be congratulated on their resilience. We are constantly evolving and looking for new things to add to the curriculum. This term we added music technology and it is fantastic to see students having fun creating music in the Computer Room.

### *The Class of 2019 Graduation Ceremony*

Last week we celebrated The class of 2019 with our End of Term 3 Graduation Ceremony. Many students enrol at Bishopstrow for the full academic year, so last week's ceremony was a celebration of the 3 terms they had spent with us. A number of students had completed their IGCSE examinations so graduation was a well-earned party for all!

Our Guest Speaker was Mark Mortimer, Head of Warminster School. In addition, a number of destination schools attended, including Charterhouse, d'Overbroeck's, Kingswood, Kingham Hill School, Prior Park College and Ashford School. We would like to thank these schools for their support, as well as the agents, guardians and parents that flew over just for the event. We would like to take this opportunity to wish the Class of 2019 the best of luck in their future endeavours!



### *Sports Report 17/05/2019 – Middles Rounders Sherborne International versus Bishopstrow College*

Our students have been learning Rounders, the traditional British batting sport, throughout the Spring, so they were raring to go to show off their newly found talents! In May a selection of our Middle College students competed against Sherborne International School. Bishopstrow made a very confident start with all team members performing well. No member of the Bishopstrow team was out in the first innings and 9 and a half runs were scored which included homeruns for 2 of our students. It was then Bishopstrow's turn to field and our bowlers displayed a very competent and skilled performance. It was an overall very entertaining game, showing skill and ability, but more importantly a high level of sportsmanship and respect for their opposition. CONGRATULATIONS!



### *Visit to Hampton Court*

This term, students have enjoyed another full schedule of cultural and entertaining trips. In May they visited Hampton Court to explore the once royal palace of King Henry VIII. It was such a beautiful day and the students particularly enjoyed walking around the exceptional gardens.

### *Taekwondo!*

At Bishopstrow we ensure that our students get to try new and interesting sports, activities and academic subjects. This term our students were treated to professional lessons in Taekwondo where students learnt about self-control, defence and of course had a friendly competition on who could kick the highest!



### *Place Availability*

We are still accepting applications onto our 5 week Academic Summer Programme which runs from 21st July to 23rd August 2019. Our 5 week Academic Summer Programme offers intensive study of English language and combines English learning with academic subjects, including Maths, Science and Humanities. The core English language and academic programme is complemented by a varied programme of creative arts, sports, social programmes and excursions to ensure that students have a stimulating and rewarding summer experience. Students make real progress in having a preparation course before going on to their destination school whilst also having fun and experiencing the globally recognised British curriculum and culture.

We have opened admissions for September 2019 entry and would welcome your students' applications. Please contact our Registrar, Miss Natalie Cox, on enquiries@bishopstrow.com for any admissions queries you may have.

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