



## Bishopstrow College – August 2017 Newsletter

### Students Celebrate IGCSE Exam Success



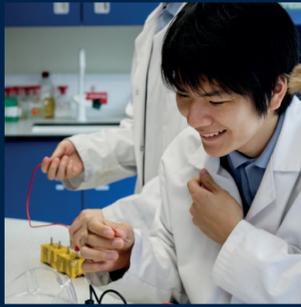
We are delighted to report another excellent set of IGCSE examination results, including the results from the first cohort of students on the College's 1 Year IGCSE Programme. Overall, students enrolled on both the 1 Year IGCSE Programme and Upper College Programme performed well. 90% of grades for this cohort were between A\* to C, and 51% of grades were either A\* or A, up from 40% in 2016. For the 1 Year IGCSE Programme, 55% of grades were A\* or A.

In addition to securing excellent examination results, students on the 1 Year IGCSE Programme (who sat IGCSEs in up to 9 subjects) have secured entry to some of the UK's best boarding schools, including Bradfield College, Charterhouse and Cheltenham Ladies College.



Commenting on the results, Lorraine Atkins, Principal said: "I am delighted that our students have achieved such excellent results. Their hard work and determination has been exemplary and the results are particularly outstanding as they are studying in a second language."

Chris Lewis, Director of Studies added: "All of the teachers are very proud of these results. This year we have seen another increase in the number of A\* and A grades, showing that our students are continuing to work hard to ensure success, not just in these exams, but also for their future academic careers."



We would like to congratulate all students on their examination results and wish them well as they continue their studies in the sixth form at boarding schools across the UK.

Further details of the College's 1 Year IGCSE Programme, including a new video promoting the Programme, can be found at:

[www.bishopstrow.com/1-year-igcse-pre-ib-programme/](http://www.bishopstrow.com/1-year-igcse-pre-ib-programme/)

### Update on Extra Curricular Activities

Outside the classroom, in addition to the wide variety of daytime clubs, the College organises a busy schedule of weekend trips and excursions. Highlights this term have included a walking tour of Oxford colleges, followed by a visit to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, a city sightseeing tour of Bath and a visit to the historic city of Portsmouth, where students were able to visit the Mary Rose, a warship of the English Tudor navy of Henry VIII.



### End of Term Graduation

On June 8, 2017, we were delighted to welcome Sarah Thomas, Head of Bryanston as Guest Speaker at the College's End of Term 3 Graduation Ceremony.

On a somewhat damp June afternoon, we celebrated the success of those students who had completed their programme of study at Bishopstrow. College staff and students were joined by agents and parents.

Whilst the success of all students was celebrated, particular attention was made to the 50+ students graduating from the College.

Most of the leavers will be continuing their studies at a leading boarding school in the UK, including Charterhouse, Cheltenham Ladies College, Concord College, Gordonstoun, King's School Canterbury, Merchiston Castle School, Millfield Prep School, Packwood Haugh School, Shrewsbury School, Uppingham and Worth School.

We will be publishing a full list of destination schools for 2016/17 leavers following the end of Term 4.



### New Boarding Staff

We are delighted that Alison Rigby has recently joined the College to take up the role of Head of Boarding. Alison has 20 years of experience in the independent schools sector. She started her career as a member of the boarding team at Lockers Park School and has more recently completed 4 years as Housemistress at St Mary's School Shaftesbury.



Alison will be supported by Vernon Dando, who has been appointed Deputy Head of Boarding. Vernon also joins Bishopstrow having obtained significant experience in the boarding schools sector, with a 25 year career working with international students.

### New Teaching Partnerships Announced

We are pleased to confirm that we continue to establish Teaching Partnerships with other leading boarding schools in the UK. In the past three months, Teaching Partnerships with Lime House School, LVS Ascot, St Andrew's Prep School, St Mary's School Cambridge, Tudor Hall School, Uppingham and Worth School have been approved by UKVI.

The College now maintains Teaching Partnerships validated by UKVI, with c.70 schools. Under these Teaching Partnerships, students with a confirmed offer of a place at a partner school can attend a pre-sessional 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:

[www.bishopstrow.com/partner-schools/](http://www.bishopstrow.com/partner-schools/)

Should you have a student who wishes to apply to a boarding school that is not on the list of Teaching Partnerships, please let us know and we would be happy to make contact with that school.

### Places for the Upcoming Academic Year



International students who have attended Bishopstrow prior to progressing to their destination school, find our preparation-for-boarding programmes to be of great benefit, not just from an English language perspective, but as importantly in being prepared to continue their education at a mainstream boarding school. As a result, they are better placed to 'fit in' when they arrive at their next school.

Against this background, we still have places available for Terms 1 to Term 4 for the upcoming academic year, which at Bishopstrow commences on Monday 18 September, 2017. Do please get in touch if you have any students who you feel would benefit from enrolling on one of the College's programmes.

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