



## ***Bishopstrow College – December 2018 Newsletter***

### ***Brand new boarding house unveiled!***



We are delighted to share with you photos of our beautiful new boarding house called 'Riverside'. Riverside, which is located across the road from the main campus, offers Senior students a luxurious kitchen, living room as well as beautifully decorated rooms. All rooms have cosy new furniture and lots of space for students to relax and make themselves feel at home!



### ***A few words from the Principal***

This term has had a host of experiences for the students such as visiting the Roman Baths, going to Thorpe Park, enjoying a production of Treasure Island by pupils at Leighton Park School and understanding the NHS with a visit from a paramedic. Students have also been to the Bishopstrow Village Bonfire and 'Trick or Treating' for Halloween and some have participated in competitive sports fixtures. Staff at Bishopstrow try to give students a flavour of being a young person in the UK. We hope that they have learned something new and most of all that they have had fun. While these activities emphasise our commitment to providing the widest possible range of learning experiences for our students, we have of course been working hard in lessons on a daily basis. The College community has most recently celebrated the end of term with an End of Term ceremony where we have said good bye to four students as they move on to new schools, followed by a lovely Christmas dinner. May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas from all of us at Bishopstrow.

### ***Students celebrate another successful term of sport!***



All students this term have been involved in a varied sports programme that has seen them focus on traditional British sports such as rugby and football. They have had the opportunity to display these skills at fixtures and training sessions against other schools.

This term the Senior Boys had the opportunity to play badminton against Dauntsey's School and basketball at Downside. They enjoyed being able to demonstrate their skills in a competitive situation and represented the College exceptionally well.

The Senior Girls had the opportunity to play several mixed badminton matches against Dauntsey's School and are already looking forward to visiting Dauntsey's in 2019 for a return fixture!



As well as students being able to participate in sporting fixtures and activities, this term our Junior and Middle students took part in an Alternative Sports Week, where they experienced sports outside of the usual sport curriculum, including Table Tennis, Quidditch, Orienteering, Baseball and Team Building. Alternative Sports Week was enjoyed by all the students and they demonstrated great sportsmanship attitude and teamwork.

### ***New Registrar***

We are pleased to introduce our new Registrar, Natalie Cox. Natalie is here to support you and your students throughout the admissions process.

Some of you may already know Natalie as prior to Bishopstrow College, she was the International Admissions Manager for Taunton School, where she also managed the full admissions process for international students.

Natalie very much looks forward to working with you. Please do not hesitate to contact her with any queries at [nataliec@bishopstrow.com](mailto:nataliec@bishopstrow.com)



### ***Padworth College - NEW Academic Summer School***

As you may be aware, in early October, the parent company of Bishopstrow College – Inspiring Futures Ltd - acquired Padworth College.

Padworth College is set in a beautiful manor house just outside of Reading, only 35 miles from London Heathrow Airport. Padworth offers a range of academic programmes for British and international students aged 13 to 19 years, including Year 9, Years 10 and 11 (I/GCSE) and Years 12 and 13 (A Level and Business Foundation course). Academic study is complemented by an excellent and well-rounded academic and co-curricular programme.

We are pleased to announce that from June 2019, Padworth College will be hosting its own Academic Summer School dedicated to both British and international students. The Academic Summer School is highly academic, offering students 30 hours a week of academic tuition in English and a number of other subjects, in class sizes up to a maximum of 12 students.

Students can study at the Academic Summer School for 2, 4 or 6 weeks.

The Academic Summer School Guide 2019 can be accessed via the Padworth website using this link: <https://www.padworth.com/academic/academic-summer-school/>

For further information please contact Mark Jaynes, Director at [markj@bishopstrow.com](mailto:markj@bishopstrow.com)

### ***Place availability***

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. We now have teaching partnerships with over 90 mainstream British boarding schools, meaning that students can easily transition to their chosen mainstream school as soon as they are ready whilst still only applying for 1 Tier 4 (Child) visa.

Against this background, we still have places available for Terms 2 to Term 4, including Bishopstrow's Academic Summer Programme for the 2018/2019 academic year. We have also now opened admissions for September 2019 entry, so please do get in touch with our Registrar, Miss Natalie Cox, if you have any students who you feel would benefit from enrolling on one of the College's programmes.

### ***Recent ISI Compliance Inspection***

We are pleased to publish on our website the Report of the Regulatory Compliance Inspection carried out by the Independent Schools Inspectorate from September 26-27, 2018. The Report concluded that the College is fully compliant in all respects with the rigorous regulations and standards.

A team of three inspectors observed lessons, conducted formal interviews with pupils and examined samples of their work. They held discussions with members of staff and with the Proprietors and observed a sample of sports and extracurricular activities. Inspectors visited all parts of the school, together with the learning and pastoral support functions.

A copy of the Report can be found at: <https://www.bishopstrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ISI-Inspection-Report-September-2018.pdf>

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