



Bishopstrow College – September 2019 Newsletter

A few words from our new Principal Mr Stuart Nicholson

I am delighted to be taking up the position as Principal here. Bishopstrow is all about providing a learning environment for international students: learning English, learning how to make the most of a British education, learning about the culture of the UK, and learning to share the wisdom and insights of their own culture with others. At Bishopstrow, students participate confidently in class, always in English, and they also discover a variety of ways they can enjoy a UK education – through sport, drama and music. They learn a positive approach, and develop skills, to become independent learners - as well as critical thinkers. All this in the supportive, friendly and professional environment that characterises Bishopstrow, helping students at all levels develop for a successful future.

The strength of the reputation of Bishopstrow meant that I knew of the College before I was appointed Principal, and on my first visit it was clear to me why the College, with its expert staff and the highest standards, is so regularly recommended by those who know it well.

I very much look forward to working with you all in the very near future and hope to have the opportunity of welcoming your students to our wonderful school!



Exam Success



We are extremely proud to announce that our students have again achieved fantastic IGCSE results, with more Bishopstrow students than ever achieving IGCSEs at A*-C grades.

As you know Bishopstrow is a non-selective school, whereby all international students have English as a Second Language. These excellent results really are proof that hard work and determination can pay off – well done to all!

Our 2019 IGCSE results are:

- A*-A Grades: 35.2%
- A*-C Grades: 96.3%
- A*-F Grades: 100%

We would like to offer special congratulations to some of our top performing students in a selection of subjects:

Sumika from Japan

- A* in Mathematics
- A*A* in Combined Science
- A in English as a Second Language

German from Russia

- A* in Mathematics
- A* in Russian
- A*A* in Combined Science

Dahlia from France

- AA in Combined Science
- A in English as a Second Language
- A in French

Aleksandr from Ukraine

- A* in English as a Second Language
- A in Russian

If some of your other students haven't performed as well as expected and need our expertise then please do not hesitate to get in touch as we would be delighted to help, to ensure they are successful in moving on to a top school for A levels or IB next year.

Term 4 and Academic Summer Programme Update

On the 23rd August we waved goodbye to our Term 4 and Academic Summer Programme students. Throughout their stay our students followed an intensive academic and English language programme, as well as being introduced to the British curriculum. They also enjoyed a large and varied programme of sport, activities and clubs, to help them learn and adapt to British life. They have had the opportunity to explore areas of England they didn't know existed and to find out what the UK has to offer. Students have enjoyed trips to the beautiful Westbury White Horse, Bath, Hampton Court, New Forest Water Park, the beach at Bournemouth and sailing to name just a few.



Creative Arts

In addition to their academic subjects, our students have been busy in term 4 choosing their own artist to interpret. Some chose to use macro photography to create fun postcards for their families, whilst others chose to create their own plaster and wire structures in the style of the sculptor Giacometti.



Sports

Throughout the term students have been introduced to traditional British sports, giving them a true flavor of boarding school life. Students have played Rounders, Netball and Rugby to name a few and have even been able to compete against other school teams.



Term 4 Graduation

We held our final Graduation Ceremony of the 2018/19 academic year at the end of August to celebrate the fantastic success of our Term 4 and Academic Summer Programme students.

All students have focused on being prepared both academically and pastorally for their academic journey beyond Bishopstrow, whether moving on to their next boarding school or returning to their own country. They have not just improved their English levels but their academic performance. The House Captains and Award Winners had much to celebrate during the graduation party!

2018/19 Destination Schools

During the year, our students secured entry to more than 70 boarding schools in the UK. All those who have progressed to their destination school achieved their first choice. This is what makes Bishopstrow unique! Being independent, we are able to support our students through examination preparation and interview techniques to ensure their success. We will be following their progress over the next year with interest.

Place availability

We are still accepting applications for Term 1 (September to December 2019) across all age groups, although space is now limited. We have also now opened admissions for January 2020 entry.

This year we have had over 30 different nationalities at Bishopstrow. Many students join Bishopstrow College prior to enrolling in a mainstream British Boarding School to enable them to prepare for the academic structure and general boarding way of life within their chosen destination school. Our Programmes have English language at their core but are also complemented by a varied programme of other core subjects, creative arts, sports, social programmes and excursions to ensure that students have a stimulating and rewarding experience with us.

Please contact our Registrar, Miss Natalie Cox, at enquiries@bishopstrow.com for any admissions queries you may have.

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