



**BISHOPSTROW  
COLLEGE**

**NEWSLETTER  
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## A Farewell Message from our Principal



As I complete my final term at Bishopstrow, it is a pleasure to look back not just over this term, but all my time at the College.

Despite the circumstances, I don't look back on it as being defined by the pandemic, or online learning or quarantine - challenging and memorable as that of course has been. Instead, it has all been characterised for me as the best type of learning, supported by the best type of people.

I spoke to students at the end of term, asking them what anyone leaving Bishopstrow takes with them. Their first answer was "The Five Virtues," and the second was "lots more English!". What perfect answers!

Our students develop in so many ways during their time at Bishopstrow. Even those who are here only for a 5-week ASP (Academic Summer Programme) course make great progress, and that's in their English of course, but by no means only in their English. From the best type of people - the thoughtful, caring, committed and thorough boarding staff, support staff and teachers - they also absorb The Five Virtues and so develop as **kind, polite, organised, hard-working, team players** as well.

However much we teach children skills and knowledge and subjects, and how to pass examinations, we only give them a valuable education if we help them learn to be good people too. So, well done Bishopstrow for teaching and Bishopstrow students for learning that character, identified in The Five Virtues, is where it all must start.

Like our students, I hope this is what I too take away as I leave Bishopstrow and that, like them, I am a better person for doing so.

Stuart Nicholson  
Principal

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## Christmas Festivities





As we approached the last day of term and with the final assessments completed, residential staff and students were able to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner of turkey and all of the usual trimmings, with a bonus of home made fudge as one of the after dinner treats!



## Outside the Classroom



This term, we have been able to enjoy a more normal schedule of weekend trips and excursions. Highlights have included ice skating in Bath, a visit to the nearby Stonehenge, perhaps the world's most famous historic monument and a day at Longleat, an English stately home and the seat of the Marquesses of Bath. Longleat of course is also home to many wild animals that form part of Longleat Safari Park.







## Term 1 Awards



Last week, we celebrated the myriad of successes and achievements of our students during Term 1, including academic awards, Boarder of the Term and House of the Term. Many congratulations to all our winners, including Newton House for being crowned House of the Term.

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