



Welcome

Welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter. There are lots of highlights to share from the past three months at Bishopstrow, including The Big Jubilee Lunch hosted for the residents of Bishopstrow village to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our End of Term 3 Graduation. Plus, an update on destination schools, new Teaching Partnerships and a busy schedule of weekend trips and extra-curricular activities. We very much hope you enjoy these highlights! We look forward to welcoming new and returning students to Bishopstrow on Monday 20 June for the start of Term 4.



Best regards.

Mario Di Clemente, Principal

The Big Jubilee Lunch

On Sunday 5 June, we welcomed more than 50 guests from the local Bishopstrow community to the College for the Big Jubilee Lunch, as part of the long weekend of celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Students, staff and guests enjoyed a splendid selection of hot and cold dishes for lunch, followed by a fabulous range of desserts, all washed down with prosecco (for the adults) and a fruit punch.

Despite the forecast of rain, we were blessed with good weather, enabling the children to enjoy the bouncy castle and our guests to enjoy croquet on the College lawn or simply to enjoy catching-up with friends and family.

The Big Jubilee Lunch was a fantastic event, providing students with the opportunity to get a real taste of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations taking place across the UK!





End of Term 3 Graduation

On Thursday 9 June, the College community gathered at St Aldhelm's Church in the village of Bishopstrow, for the End of Term 3 Graduation. Staff and students were joined by parents, guardians, agents and representatives from a number of 'destination schools', including Blundell's, Padworth College, Rendcomb College, St Lawrence College and Sidcot School.

During the ceremony, we heard from Mario Di Clemente, Principal and our Guest Speaker, Iain Kilpatrick, Headmaster of Sidcot School. Iain shared some words of wisdom as the graduating students look ahead to joining their mainstream boarding school in the UK in September.

A variety of awards and prizes were awarded, including the Principal's Award, academic subject awards, sports awards and the House Trophy. After the ceremony, we enjoyed a BBQ supper on the lawns at the College, during which the students entertained us with an abridged production of Oliver!



Destination Schools Update

A number of students have now completed their studies at Bishopstrow and will be enjoying a well-earned break during the summer. Many have already secured a place at their 'destination school' for September 2022 entry. Others are still progressing through admissions processes for their target schools.

To date, we are delighted to confirm the following destination schools:

Prep Schools: Brockhurst and Marlston House Schools, Papplewick School and Windlesham House School.

Senior Schools: Abbey College Cambridge, Abingdon, Ashford School, Box Hill School, Clifton College, d'Overbroeck's College, Hereford Cathedral School, Hurtwood House, John Leggott College, Leighton Park School, Millfield School, MPW, Queen Margaret's School, Repton School, Royal Russell School, St Edmund's College, St Margaret's School (Bushey), Sedbergh School, Taunton School, Wrekin College and Wycliffe College.

Congratulations to all our leavers!



New Teaching Partnerships

We are delighted to confirm that over the past few months, we have established new Teaching Partnerships with two leading boarding schools: Godolphin School and Giggelswick School. As a result, we now have Teaching Partnerships in place with more than 100 leading boarding schools in the UK.

Under these Teaching Partnerships, students with a confirmed offer of a place at a partner school can attend a pre-session programme at Bishopstrow College, where the partner school issues the CAS and Child Student visa, covering the pre-session programme at Bishopstrow.

Further details can be found at: <https://www.bishopstrow.com/partner-schools/>



Sports and Extra-curricular Update

It has been a busy term outside the classroom. Students have enjoyed a number of weekend trips and excursions, including a Premier League football match at Southampton FC, exploring the Roman Baths in Bath, Air Hop (trampolines) in Bristol, ice skating in Swindon and a boat cruise around Poole

Harbour, followed by an afternoon at the beach in Swanage. All have provided students with a taste of British culture and history and an opportunity to explore some of the most popular sites in England.

Closer to home and on the sports field, alongside the daily sports programme, we have enjoyed an Inter House Sports Tournament and the traditional end of term Sports Day. Well done to all participants! Meanwhile, baking has been a weekly favourite for all students!



Availability for Term 4 and Academic Summer Programme

We still have a small number of places available for Term 4 (10 weeks) commencing Monday 20 June and our 5 week Academic Summer Programme, commencing Monday 20 June and Sunday 24 July. For further details, please contact our Registrar, Amanda Neill at enquiries@bishopstrow.com



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