



Welcome

We have reached the end of another academic year at Bishopstrow College and as we do so, we can look back at another year of excellent progress and development for so many students, together with a unique experience of British boarding school life.

Typically for Bishopstrow, we have welcomed students for as little as 5 weeks on one of our two Academic Summer Programmes, or for as long as a whole year culminating for some in IGCSE examinations for which we always look forward to results day in August and therefore a fitting reward for the hard work of all involved (refer below for further details).



Given that hard work is one of the College's Five Virtues, I am certain that those students will have felt ready and well prepared. Not only that, but it has been clear throughout this year that all five of our virtues have resonated well with our students, no matter how long they have spent with us. They have realised that **Hard Work, Organisation, Politeness and Kindness** are what make a student successful and that being a good **Team Player** is what helps a student community thrive. Let's hope that that these are qualities which they continue to display in their next school, wherever that may be.

So, my very best wishes to all of our students and their families for a happy and restful summer break. My sincere thanks and best wishes also to my staff colleagues at Bishopstrow. Their support for all of our students is both outstanding and greatly appreciated. Finally, my particular thanks and good wishes for a happy and successful future to Mr and Mrs Ravenhill, who are leaving us for new challenges after four years at Bishopstrow. Thank you both for all that you have given to our boarding community and to the College in general. Good luck and thank you also to Oliver Ravenhill for all your help and support in your year with us. You will all be greatly missed.

Best wishes to all!

Mario Di Clemente, Principal

(Photo features Mario Di Clemente and Titus Mills, Headmaster of Port Regis School)

Students Celebrate IGCSE Exam Success

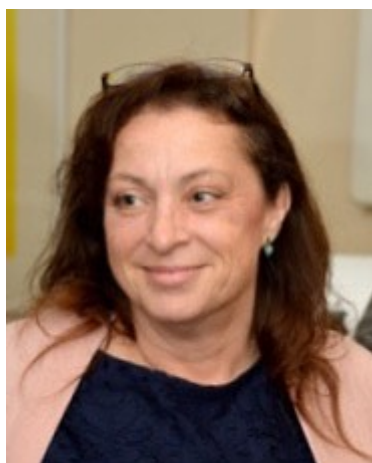
Congratulations to the students and staff involved in the IGCSE exams this year! The results are in and we have achieved some of our best results for externally marked assessments ever!

Students this year have for the first time (in externally marked examinations) achieved 100% A* to C, with 43% of grades awarded being A*-A, the second highest rate for externally marked assessments that students at the College have ever managed to achieve!

All of the students at Bishopstrow who take these examinations complete the two-year course in just one year, and as they are all international students they are all studying in their second language. It is always a huge achievement to pass any IGCSE examination in such circumstances!

Commenting on the results, Chris Lewis, Director of Studies remarked: "These are some very good exam results, particularly for a post lockdown cohort. So, it's a huge thank you to the teachers who have worked with those students, either directly with their subjects or indirectly through language support. And, a huge well done and thank you for everyone else who supported these students!"

Overall, more than 150 students have attended Bishopstrow College during this academic year and they have all enjoyed studying, learning and playing together both in-person and online. They have all made great progress and we wish them every success as they move on to their new schools.



New Head of Boarding

After 4 years at Bishopstrow, Ian and Susanna Ravenhill will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to pursue new challenges. We are delighted to announce that Debbie Prescott will be joining us in September as Head of Boarding. Debbie has kindly shared the following by way of some background:

"Having worked with children and young adults for more than 30 years and since 2008 in boarding, I am excited to be joining the Bishopstrow family. I began working with children in Canada working for the Children's Aid Society in Ottawa. On return to the UK, I continued by working for Childline and later opening my own nursery when my own children were toddlers. As my children aged, I moved to working with children of their age

and worked as part of the board of National Deaf Children's Society and training as a Counsellor. When my youngest daughter went to boarding school, I joined the team as Head of Boarding, later moving to Malaysia to work as Day Matron and Social and Emotional Counsellor for Marlborough College. Now my children are grown-up and I am pleased to say that my eldest has followed in my footsteps as a Housemistress in South Korea, whilst her sister is a teacher in her local primary school. Outside of school I belong to two very tolerant choirs as I am not a good singer but love to sing! Travel, reading and model making are also passions. I look forward to meeting our students and welcoming them to the boarding house."

We very much look forward to formally welcoming Debbie to Bishopstrow in September.

Sports Day Fun

Last week and ahead of the End of Term 4 Graduation, we held our traditional Sports Day. Students competed in their houses - Blake, Newton, Nightingale, Pankhurst - participating in a range of sports, including tug-of-war, running relays and obstacle courses! Well done to all involved!





End of Term 4 Graduation

On Thursday 25 August, the College community gathered at St Aldhelm's Church in the village of Bishopstrow, for the End of Term 4 Graduation. Staff and students were joined by parents, guardians and agents, plus our Guest Speaker, Chris Wheeler, Principal of Monkton Combe School.

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

This was a fantastic event, where we were able to celebrate the myriad achievements of our students over the past few weeks, months and beyond, both inside and outside the classroom. In addition to those students who were graduating from the College, prizes and awards were presented to students and houses in relation to sport, boarding and academic achievement.

Congratulations to all our prize winners, with special thanks to our guest speaker, Chris Wheeler.



Destination Schools Update

Most students have now completed their studies at Bishopstrow and will be enjoying a well-earned break during the summer. Almost all of those students who are planning to continue their education in the UK have already secured a place at their 'destination school' for September 2022 entry. A small number 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, Packwood Haugh School, Papplewick School, Port Regis School, Sandroyd School, Summerfields School and Windlesham House School.

Senior Schools: Abbey College Cambridge, Abingdon, Ashford School, Bournemouth Collegiate School, Box Hill School, Bryanston School, Clayesmore School, Clifton College, Cranleigh School, Culford School,

d'Overbroeck's College, Giggleswick School, Godolphin School, Hereford Cathedral School, Holland Park School, Hurtwood House, John Leggott College, Leighton Park School, Merchiston Castle School, Millfield School, MPW, Oswestry School, Padworth College, Prior Park College, Queen Ethelburga's College, Queen Margaret's School, Rendcomb College, Repton School, Royal Albert Alexander School, Royal Russell School, Ryde School with Upper Chine, St Edmund's College, St George's School Ascot, St Margaret's School (Bushey), St Peter's School York, Sedbergh School, Stonar School, Strathallan School, Taunton School, The National Mathematics and Science College, The Oratory School, Warminster School, Wrekin College and Wycliffe College.

Congratulations to all our leavers!





Weekend Excursions Update

Outside the classroom, students have enjoyed a busy schedule of weekend excursions, including trips to Bath, the historic UNESCO World Heritage site and Stonehenge.

We have also had a visit from the British Red Cross, with Junior, Middle and some Senior students able to look at the equipment in a typical ambulance, including AED, stretchers and boards, kit bags, ramp and helmets. There were opportunities to ask questions and to switch on the emergency lights and siren! Great fun was had by all!

On 'Off Timetable Day' - where students have the opportunity to experience

something different (and British) outside the classroom - we organised a traditional summer fair. Fairs have been a tradition of British life since medieval times and during Term 4, we created our own village fete at Bishopstrow, with students creating and then enjoying traditional games such as Tin Can Alley, Hook a Duck and Hoopla. The weather was fabulous and a lot of fun was had by all involved!



Availability for Term 1, 2022/23 Academic Year

We still have a small number of places available for Term 1 commencing Monday 19 September. For further details, please contact our Registrar, Amanda Neill at enquiries@bishopstrow.com



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