



Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to our Newsletter for Term 1
2022/23.

The first term of the academic year is always a very special one as so many students join the College for the first time and, in doing so, remind my staff colleagues and I of what it felt like to be new at the start of a school year.



However, what sets our students at Bishopstrow apart from most of us is that they are not only joining a new school, they are also becoming members of a new multi-national and multi-cultural educational community. It almost goes without saying, therefore, that this is one of the greatest and most visible qualities of Bishopstrow. With around 20 different nationalities represented, and a set of fundamental British Values and Bishopstrow Virtues encouraged and embraced every day, we know that every new joiner this term has the opportunity and potential to succeed with us and to then be fine ambassadors for Bishopstrow when they eventually gain entry to their chosen British boarding school.

I hope you will now enjoy reading about some of the many highlights of Term 1, a term which also marks the end of my first year at the College. It has been a memorable year, characterised by outstanding IGCSE results, impressive progression by our students to around 60 top British boarding schools, three wonderful graduation ceremonies, unforgettable village celebrations for our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a whole host of other student achievements, activities and experiences.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone both a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous and successful 2023.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning students to Bishopstrow on Monday 2 January for the start of Term 2!

Best regards,

Mario Di Clemente
Principal

School Partnerships

A unique feature of Bishopstrow College is our Teaching Partnerships with more than 110 prep and senior boarding schools in the UK. Teaching Partnerships enable international students with an offer of a place from the 'partner school' to first enrol on a pre-sessional programme at Bishopstrow, under the Child Student visa issued by the partner school.

With students from Bishopstrow progressing on to a range of boarding schools across the UK, we always welcome the opportunity to have partner schools visit the College to see our pre-sessional programmes 'in action'. This term, we have welcomed Pangbourne College to Bishopstrow and our Principal, Mario Di Clemente, enjoyed a visit to our 'sister school', Padworth College. Mario was accompanied by a small number of our Senior College students who attended the UK Universities Fair organised by UK Education Guide and hosted by Padworth.

We continue to establish Teaching Partnerships with new 'partner schools' and are delighted to announce our latest Teaching Partnership with Durham School.

More recently, we were delighted to attend the British Boarding Schools Workshop ('BBSW'). This was the first in-person BBSW since March 2020 and it was wonderful to connect with many of our partner schools and agents.





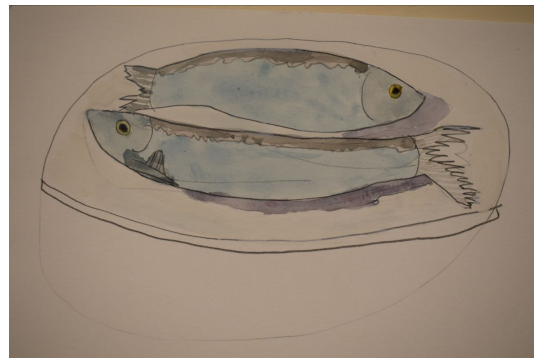
Arts and Crafts

This term we have had many festivities to celebrate, including Halloween and Christmas. We have focussed on making decorations for the Activity Room and Common Rooms. For Halloween, the students made some lovely spider webs using twigs and string and decorated the entrance hall with spooky bats. With Christmas around the corner, we are currently busy making pompoms for the Christmas tree which will be decorated soon.

Elsewhere, in History lessons, students spent time learning about the Gunpowder Plot, later taking part in the tradition of making 'guys' - life sized models of Guy Fawkes, the 'leader' behind the Gunpowder Plot. This was great fun. The guys were then taken to the Bishopstrow Village Bonfire Night on 5th November, with the guys placed on the bonfire and burned!

More recently, Junior and Middle College students have been learning about creating tone and shadow with watercolour paints. Middle College students have been painting lemons, whilst the Juniors painted sardines. All students were focused and very hardworking - well done to all involved!





Update on PE and Sports

This term the PE curriculum has been busy with a variety of new sports, including Basketball, Hockey and Rugby. All very different but with a number of common skills needed to be successful. Progress has been fantastic and the students are performing at a very high level which will be showcased at the End of Term Interhouse Competition where the students play in their four houses in a variety of sports in an attempt to win the Interhouse Trophy.

In Sports, activities this term have included handball and table tennis. Both sports provide the opportunity to learn new skills and rules and to improve hand eye coordination. Playing in different formats has allowed the students to improve their teamwork skills through communication, whilst developing their English vocabulary with sports specific terminology.



New College Video - The Bishopstrow Way

We are delighted to share details of our new College video, which was filmed at the end of August. The video, which is called The Bishopstrow Way, highlights how we prepare students for progression to leading boarding schools in the UK and the importance of the College's Five Virtues – Being Kind, Polite, Hard Working, Organised and a Team Player.

The video is available on the Home Page of our website and also on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSS0_2yObDo

Extra-curricular Highlights - Reading, Halloween and Remembrance Day

Junior and Middle College students have been quietly reading on Thursdays to improve their understanding of English and to encourage them to make reading a regular habit. The students choose their own selection of books and relax on the comfy sofas to enjoy their varied stories, asking staff where they need help with specific words.

Meanwhile, students enjoyed getting together for some spooky fun on Halloween, playing many games like Donut Bobbing, Spider Web making and Musical Statues. At the end of the evening, we had a competition for the best Halloween costume. Everyone made such an effort to dress up and we all had a lot of fun. Afterwards the students enjoyed some scary snacks and drinks!

More recently and ahead of Remembrance Day on 11 November, Junior and Middle College students were busy making poppies from recycled plastic bags. The 100 poppies included a number in the colours of the national flags of our students.



Design and Technology Showcase

In Design and Technology, we introduce students to an activity that allows them to show their creative side by designing and inventing a variety of different things.

Cooking is a firm favourite and one that allows students to access lots of new vocabulary when seeing ingredients and techniques. This term, students have baked cakes, made pastry for jam tarts, and baked cookies which were then decorated for Halloween, decorated cupcakes and learned the process of making and kneading dough in order to make bread.

Students took part in some market research by playing different board games without using the rules. They discussed in groups what makes a good board game and what is needed to create one. They then progressed to inventing their own board game, creating every element from the board and pieces and dice to writing the rules and instructions of how to play, all to great success.

Meanwhile, earlier this term, Juniors were busy in the garden, planting spinach in the September sunshine!



Availability for Term 2, 2022/23 Academic Year

We still have a small number of places available for Term 2, across our Junior College, Middle College and Senior College Programmes. Term 2 commences on Monday 2 January 2023. For further details, please contact Amanda Neill, Registrar at enquiries@bishopstrow.com



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