



## Welcome

As the 2022/23 academic year draws to a close at Bishopstrow College, we are again delighted and fortunate to be able to reflect on another year of excellent progress and development for so many of our students whose unique experience of British boarding school life will serve them well wherever their educational and life journey may take them next.

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, the results of which were released in August and revealed an A-A\* achievement of 45% - an excellent rate of success and a fitting reward for the hard work of all involved, both students and staff.



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 all of 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. Such virtues, and as ever a number of others, were celebrated and rewarded at our end-of-term Graduation and Awards Ceremony at which our guest speaker, Crispin Dawson, Principal of Padworth College, reminded us all that what really matters in education, indeed throughout life, is that you try your best. So many Bishopstrow students do so on a daily basis and I have no doubt that this will be a quality which they will 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.

See you all in 2023/24!

Best wishes.

Mario Di Clemente

Principal

{Photo from Term 4 Graduation with winners of sports awards)

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## IGCSE Examination Results

We are delighted to report another fantastic set of IGCSE examination results. Overall, 44% of all grades awarded were Grades A\*-A, with 89% of grades awarded being Grades A\*-C.

Reflecting on the results, Mario Di Clemente, Principal commented: *"Congratulations to all of our IGCSE students on their achievements in this year's examinations. Not only have they worked exceptionally hard to obtain such impressive grades but they have also been terrific role models during their time at the College. They and their families can be very proud of their achievements. Well done and thank you also to our teaching and boarding staff who have supported them throughout their time at Bishopstrow."*

Meanwhile, Chris Lewis, Director of Studies commented: *"All candidates have shown an impressive rate of progress since starting the course last September. On average students have improved by two to three IGCSE grades since being assessed at the beginning of their time at Bishopstrow. This is a testimony to their hard work and determination to succeed."*

Having completed their examinations, our 1 Year IGCSE students will now be progressing to a number of leading boarding schools and colleges in the UK, including Rochester Independent College, Abbey College Cambridge and St Andrew's College, Cambridge.

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## Term 4 Graduation





On Thursday 24 August, the College community gathered at St Aldhelm's Church in the village of Bishopstrow, for the Term 4 Graduation. Staff and students were joined by parents, guardians, agents and partner schools, including Durham Cathedral School. Our guest speaker was Crispin Dawson, Principal of our 'sister school' Padworth College.

During the event, we celebrated the myriad of achievements of our students - in the classroom, in boarding and in sports - and Crispin Dawson shared some words of advice for our students as they look ahead to progressing to their next boarding school. Many congratulations to all of those who received an award and good luck to all students as they progress on to the next stage of their British education?



# Sports Day

Sport has again featured heavily throughout life at Bishopstrow, with all students participating in daily sports lessons. The inter-house Sports Day again took place at the end of term (before Graduation) with a number of parents joining staff to cheer on the students. Congratulations to Blake House who ended up Sports Day Winners!

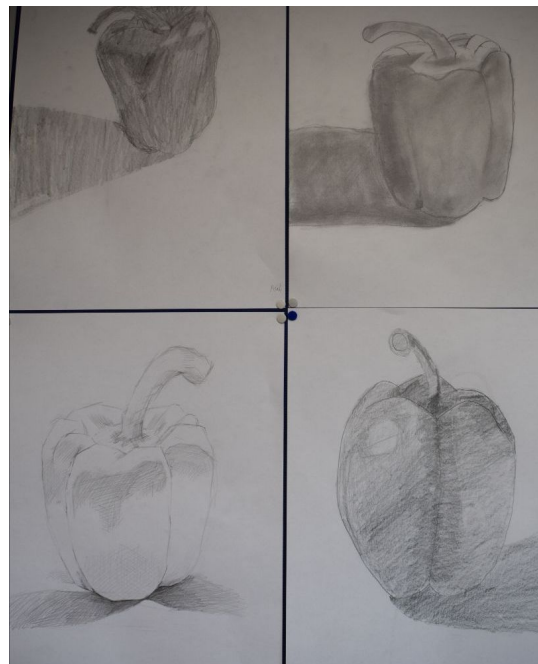






## Creative Arts

For our Junior and Middle College students, weekly Art lessons complement their English and academic lessons in the classroom and sports. During Term 4, they have been busy throughout the term in Art, creating a wide range of 'masterpieces', including these 'sellotape shoes' and 'still life' red peppers.



As we end the 2022/23 academic year, we are delighted to confirm that our students have secured places at a large number of leading boarding schools in the UK, including the following:

**Prep Schools:** Bilton Grange School, Brambletye School, Fulham Prep School, Highfield School, Horris Hill, Junior King's Canterbury, Ludgrove School, Orwell Park School, Port Regis, Repton Prep School, Sandroyd School, Sunningdale School and Windlesham House School.

**Senior Schools:** Abbey College Cambridge, Abbey College Manchester, Bournemouth Collegiate School, Box Hill School, Bromsgrove School, Cardiff Sixth Form College, Caterham School, CATS College, Concord College, Culford School, DLD College London, Downside School, Durham Cathedral School, Felsted School, Greenfields School, Haileybury, Hurtwood House School, Kent College, King's Ely School, King Edward's School Witley, Kingsley School, Kingswood School, Millfield School, Mill Hill School, MPW, Oswestry School, Padworth College, Prior Park College, Queen Ethelburga's College, Reading School, Rochester Independent College, Royal Russell School, St Andrew's College Cambridge, St Joseph's College, St Lawrence College, St Margaret's School, Sherborne School, Sidcot School, Stonar School, Stonyhurst College, Taunton School, The King's School Canterbury - International College, Trent College, Tudor Hall School, Woldingham School and Woodbridge School.

Congratulations to all our leavers!



## Enrichment Activities and Weekend Excursions

During Term 4, we have enjoyed a wide variety of enrichment activities and weekend excursions. These have included our 'Off Timetable Day' when students enjoyed a traditional summer fete on campus and separately had a session focused on health and wellbeing, when they enjoyed the wonderful countryside on the College's doorstep.





## Availability for Term 1, 2023

We still have a small number of places available for Term 1 commencing Monday 18 September. For further details, please contact our Registrar, Amanda Neill at

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