

July 2022

Dear Parents,

It is with tremendous pride that we arrive the end of another unusual academic year. Our students have demonstrated tremendous resilience throughout the COVID pandemic and its aftermath. Despite the many challenges our students continued to work hard and make the most of their time at Bishop. Thankfully, we are now very much 'back to normal'. I am hugely grateful for your unswerving support of the academy in all that we do. Our success is testimony to the strong partnerships between home and school and it is this partnership that is the bedrock of your child's success.

'Returning to normal' has meant we have been able to enjoy a number of our Bishop events and traditions. It was wonderful to join our Year 11 leavers for their farewell assembly and also for their Prom at AFC Bournemouth and the Year 13s were able to make the most of their leavers' celebrations. Our Year 10 and 12 students have taken part in a range of careers events, including the Employers' Interview Day, which was definitely a highlight. It was a pleasure to see so many Year 10 parents attend the recent Year 11 Information Evening, providing details of how to support their children as they prepare for the challenges of Year 11. Students in the Grammar Stream in Year 8 and 9 took part in presenting their extended projects to parents. We are looking forward to being able to extend the number of trips and events taking place in the next academic year. It was a real shame that it was necessary to postpone Sports' Day due to the extreme heat - I am hoping that this can be rescheduled for September.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of:

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| • Head boy           | Luke Findlay    |
| • Head girl          | Grace Booth     |
| • Deputy head boy    | Harry Griffiths |
| • Deputy head girl   | Ana Brumatti    |
| • Community Champion | Toby Stone.     |

I am looking forward to working with these students and the wider Student Voice body as we once again involve our students fully in the leadership and management of the academy.

I would like to remind parents that all official communications from the academy are made via The Bishop of Winchester academy website, emails direct to parents or through Weduc. We do not have a Facebook account. Any Facebook accounts using the school name are unofficial and do not represent the views of the academy.

The Principal's surgery will continue from September, every Monday between 3.15-5.15pm. No appointment is necessary. Please come to reception and I will be available to meet you.

Parents of current Year 7 and 8 did not have the usual induction opportunities that other year groups have had. If you would like to tour the academy and/or meet with the Principal then we will be offering opportunities for you to do this – please contact reception.

Parent Evenings will remain on-line next year. Parents and staff have found this arrangement has worked well for both parties.

We wish all our students awaiting examination results the best of luck- they really do deserve great success. Students will be able to collect their results at the dates and times set out below:

Year 13 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00am. Students who are unable to attend should email [exams@tbowa.org](mailto:exams@tbowa.org) from their student email address

Year 11 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 8.30am. Students who are unable to attend should email [exams@tbowa.org](mailto:exams@tbowa.org) from their student email address and their results will be emailed directly to them.



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Students return to the academy in September at the following times:

**Monday 5th September**

**Year 7, 11, 12 & 13 only return to the academy at 8.30am**

**Tuesday 6th September**

**All students 8.30am**

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer break.

Best wishes,

Paul Mc

