

July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you at the end of another successful year at 'Bishop'. As ever, there have been many events for us to celebrate. Sports day is always a highlight of the school calendar, and this year was no exception, with several long-standing school records being broken. It was a great event, enjoyed by many parents who attended to support their child and enjoy the atmosphere. The end of Year 11 'Class of '24' celebrations culminated in another wonderful evening at AFC Bournemouth for the School Prom. It never ceases to amaze just how fabulous and grown up our year 11 students look as they pose for photographs with their friends on the red carpet ahead of their special night.



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For many of our students the annual school show remains a high point of the year. This year's sell-out production of Sister Act was a real treat, and we look forward to next year's production of Six - book your tickets early! Our Year 7 girls' football team could possibly offer our men's national team a few tips after the girls won both the Town Cup and the County Cup - well done girls.

I would also want you to know about the success of 6th Form recruitment. Bishop numbers are increasing again as word gets around about just how successful our Bishop 6th Form is. Students regularly gain places at the country's best universities each year after their time at Bishop.

There are many more successes that I could share with you that are celebrated fully in our newsletter - available as an attachment to this letter and on the school website and via Instagram.

I am often asked about the success of the school and how we have achieved it. The answer is simple. **'The Bishop Way'** is at the heart of all that we do to ensure your child's success. This is rooted in the three mantra that I share with parents and students frequently - What do we do at 'Bishop'? We live out the motto on the school badge - **'Sapere aude' - Have the Courage to be Wise**. As parents you will know that this is not always easy for young people to live up to as they navigate the teenage years and try to work out who they are. How are they able to do this? The culture at Bishop of **'High Expectations- No Excuses'** runs through all that we do. These 'High Expectations' allow children to be brave and have 'courage'. It is because of this that students can go to **'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10.10)**. Everything that we do at Bishop is focused on ensuring that your child is supported by The Bishop Way to allow them to 'live life to the full'.

I know that you will want to join me in thanking those colleagues who are sadly leaving us this summer for new challenges and adventures. I am hugely grateful to them for their tireless effort in making Bishop the school that it is today. They leave us with our deepfelt gratitude and best wishes. I am also happy to report to you that we have outstanding academic and pastoral teams in place for September to ensure your child is fully supported on their journey through Bishop.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and prayers. It is our strong home-school partnership that is the bedrock of our success at Bishop. May I wish you and your families every good wish for the summer holidays, and hopefully some sunshine too.

Best wishes,

Paul Mc



Important Information

Please note start dates and times for September 2024

Wednesday 4th September

Year 7 arrival at the academy at 8.25am

Year 11 return to the academy at 9.30am

Year 12 arrival 11.15am

Thursday 5th September

All students (including Year 13) 8.25am

Term dates for 2024-25 available on our website at [The Bishop of Winchester Academy - Term Dates \(tbowa.org\)](https://www.tbowa.org/term-dates)

Parent evening dates for 2024-25

Settling In Parent Meetings	Thursday 24 th October 2024
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 5 th December 2024
Year 12/13 Parents Evening (Virtual)	Thursday 12 th December 2024
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 16 th January 2025
Year 11 GCSE Information Evening	Thursday 23 rd January 2025
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 30 th January 2025
E-Safety & Safeguarding Parental Evening	Thursday 13 th February 2025
Year 7 Parents Evening	Thursday 27 th February 2025
Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 20 th March 2025
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 3 rd April 2025
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 1 st May 2025
Year 12 Parents Evening	Thursday 3 rd July 2025