



BISHOPSTROW
COLLEGE



A pathway to excellence

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Welcome

to Bishopstrow

We pride ourselves on our reputation for providing a friendly, supportive and professional learning environment for international boys and girls, aged between 7 and 17.

This is a place where students can learn English, discover the British education system, explore the culture of the UK and make friends from all over the world.

From day one, we encourage students to speak up confidently in class, and always in English. We provide a broad, inspiring, and exciting curriculum so our students discover many ways to enjoy a UK boarding school education – through sport, drama and music, as well as in their classroom lessons.

Our role is to develop our students to be independent learners and critical thinkers and to prepare them for entrance exams, thereby ensuring a successful future. We recognise every student as an individual and want them to reach their full potential, whether they are with us for a term or a year.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bishopstrow, so you can see for yourself why our reputation is well deserved.



Our Aims and Ethos

‘Safe, friendly and exciting’

Designed specifically for students from non-British educational backgrounds, daily life at Bishopstrow is based around creating the most successful and enjoyable learning experience for all.

Our caring, kind, well-organised boarding community focuses on respect and tolerance for others. This is reflected in the professional and personal relationships, and the day-to-day experiences of students and staff.

OUR AIMS ARE:

- To give each student the best linguistic, cultural, academic and sporting preparation, so they can enjoy a seamless and happy transition to a British boarding school.
- To ensure that each student who leaves Bishopstrow not only feels comfortable in a classroom with English speakers, but is able to compete at the appropriate academic level in their next school.
- To give each student the correct advice, assistance and qualifications to select and gain entry to a suitable British independent school for the next stage of their education.
- To emphasise our ‘Five Virtues’ so that each student sets themselves high standards and develops self-awareness, resilience and confidence.
- To prepare each student for appropriate Cambridge English Language Assessments and British public examinations.

Bishopstrow's

Five Virtues

The College's ethos is encapsulated by our **'Five Virtues'**, which underpin all aspects of life at Bishopstrow.

From staff to students, every single one of us strives to be: **Kind, Polite, Organised, Hard-Working** and a **Team Player**

These Five Virtues are present in every aspect of college life, making sure that the life of our community - international in make-up, character and ambition - promotes virtues that contribute positively to global society.



Kind



Polite



Organised



Hard Working



Team Player



Bishopstrow College

at a Glance

*‘Preparing students academically,
socially and culturally’*

Established in 2006, Bishopstrow College is the UK's only independent international boarding school, designed to prepare international students for entry into the UK's leading boarding schools.

Each term, we welcome up to 100 boys and girls, aged 7-17 years, from around 20 different nationalities and a wide variety of cultural backgrounds. This is intentional, as it encourages students to speak English while they're with us.

The College operates as a traditional British boarding school, but with an innovative four-term academic year. Terms start in September, January, March and June, and our five-week Academic Summer Programme offers a further start date in July.

We offer a variety of programmes, focussing on intensive English language tuition and immersion in the National Curriculum, including Mathematics, Geography, History and Science.

From the moment our students arrive at Bishopstrow, they are fully immersed and integrated into British life and culture.

Their stay can last from five weeks to a full academic year, all based around an intensive preparation for entry into their chosen British boarding school. We are not affiliated to any individual school, so students are completely free to choose where they go next.

Students planning to return home to continue their studies will make real progress with their English, while also experiencing the globally recognized British curriculum and British culture.

All our students share a commitment to study, a strong sense of purpose, high expectations and good manners. Combined with the exceptional skills and dedication of our teaching, boarding and support staff, Bishopstrow creates a dynamic learning environment, where students can achieve their very best.

The success of the College's innovative approach is demonstrated by our latest British Council inspection report and the quality of the 'destination schools'. Our students go on to enrol at some of the UK's leading prep and senior schools, including Bradfield College, Cheltenham Ladies' College, Concord College, The Dragon School, Godstowe Preparatory School, Gordonstoun, Prior Park College and Uppingham.

KEY FEATURES OF BISHOPSTROW COLLEGE:

- Set in eight acres of grounds, surrounded by beautiful Wiltshire countryside
- Superb facilities, including a teaching and learning centre, with eight classrooms, a library, science lab and superfast Wi-Fi to every classroom
- Small class sizes, 8 students maximum for English and 12 students for other academic subjects, allowing very high levels of individual teacher time
- An Individual Learning Plan for every student, detailing progress and areas for improvement in English, other academic subjects, sports and boarding
- The College operates just like a traditional British boarding school, with a full sports and activities programme, ensuring excellent preparation for entry into a mainstream boarding school
- We are not affiliated to any other boarding schools, providing a stepping stone to any of the 'Top 100' boarding schools and colleges in the UK



Junior College Programme

For pupils aged between 7-11, our Junior College Programme combines intensive English language tuition and academic study for Prep School and 11+ Senior School entry. Daily sports and activities, together with a full weekend schedule means our students are fully prepared for boarding school life.

This Programme is for international students who wish to improve their English, while following a traditional programme of academic subjects.



FEATURES

Age	7-11 years
Entry Requirements	Applicants are assessed based on their Current School Report, including marks or grades; a Character Reference commenting on their behaviour and general attitude to study; and their performance in an interview, including appetite to study in the UK and interest in Bishopstrow College
Minimum English Language Level	No pre-requisite
Course Length	1, 2, 3 or 4 terms
Subjects Studied	English, Creative Arts, Geography, History, Mathematics, PSHE and Science
Academic Study	25 hours of academic tuition and 5 hours of supervised prep
End of Course Assessment	Internal assessment and external Cambridge English Language Assessment examinations (where applicable)
Progression	Prep School entry or 11+ Senior School entry



Middle College Programme

The Middle College Programme is designed for students aged 11-14, and features intensive English language tuition and academic study for Senior School entry. Daily sports and activities, together with a full weekend schedule, means our students are fully prepared for boarding school life.

This Programme is for international students who wish to improve their English, while following a traditional programme of academic subjects.



FEATURES

Age	11-14 years
Entry Requirements	Applicants are assessed based on their Current School Report, including marks or grades; a Character Reference commenting on their behaviour and general attitude to study; and their performance in an interview, including appetite to study in the UK and interest in Bishopstrow College
Minimum English Language Level	CEFR Level A2
Course Length	1, 2, 3 or 4 terms
Subjects Studied	English, Creative Arts, Geography, History, Mathematics, PSHE and Science
Academic Study	25 hours of academic tuition and 5 hours of supervised prep
End of Course Assessment	Internal assessment and external Cambridge English Language Assessment examination (where applicable)
Progression	Senior School entry



Senior College Programme

The Senior College Programme immerses 14-17 year olds into intensive English language tuition and academic study for Senior School entry, including preparation for GCSEs, A Levels and the International Baccalaureate. Daily sports and activities, together with a full weekend schedule ensure that students are fully prepared for boarding school life.

This Programme is for international students who wish to improve their English, whilst following a traditional programme of academic subjects.

FEATURES

Age	14-17 years
Entry Requirements	Applicants are assessed based on their Current School Report, including marks or grades; a Character Reference commenting on their behaviour and general attitude to study; and their performance in an interview, including appetite to study in the UK and interest in Bishopstrow College
Minimum English Language Level	CEFR Level A2
Course Length	1, 2, 3 or 4 terms
Subjects Studied	English, Business Studies, Global Perspectives, History, Mathematics, PSHE and Science
Academic Study	30 hours of academic tuition and 7.5 hours of supervised prep
End of Course Assessment	Internal assessment and external Cambridge English Language Assessment examination (where applicable)
Progression	Senior School entry



One Year IGCSE Programme

Students aged 15-16, with a suitable level of English are welcomed onto the One Year IGCSE Programme, featuring 6-8 examinable subjects. This Programme provides excellent preparation for international students before they begin their A Level studies or the IB Diploma Programme.

This Programme is for international students who wish to complete the IGCSE examinations in just one year.



FEATURES

Age	15-16 years
Entry Requirements	Applicants are assessed based on their Current School Report, including marks or grades; a Character Reference commenting on their behaviour and general attitude to study; their performance in an interview, including appetite to study in the UK and interest in Bishopstrow College; and their performance in a Password English and Mathematics assessment
Minimum English Language Level	CEFR Level B2
Course Length	4 terms (June entry)
IGCSE Subjects Studied	A minimum of 6 examinable subjects from English as a First/ Second Language, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics (for more able mathematicians), Science – Double Award, Business Studies and History
Academic Study	30 hours of academic tuition and 7.5 hours of supervised prep
End of Course Assessment	Cambridge IGCSE examinations
Progression	Sixth Form entry

Academic Summer Programme

The Academic Summer Programme is aimed at international students who will be joining British boarding schools in the Autumn, and those who wish to sample British education in the summer. There are two start dates at the beginning and mid-point of Term 4, with the programme lasting five weeks.



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	Junior College	Middle College	Senior College
Age	7-11 years	11-14 years	14-17 years
Entry Requirements	Applicants are assessed based on their Current School Report, including marks or grades; a Character Reference commenting on their behaviour and general attitude to study; and their performance in an interview, including appetite to study in the UK and interest in Bishopstrow College	Applicants are assessed based on their Current School Report, including marks or grades; a Character Reference commenting on their behaviour and general attitude to study; and their performance in an interview, including appetite to study in the UK and interest in Bishopstrow College	Applicants are assessed based on their Current School Report, including marks or grades; a Character Reference commenting on their behaviour and general attitude to study; and their performance in an interview, including appetite to study in the UK and interest in Bishopstrow College
Minimum English Language Level	No prerequisite	CEFR Level A2	CEFR Level A2
Course Length	5 weeks	5 weeks	5 weeks
Subjects Studied	English Creative Arts Geography History Mathematics PSHE Science	English Creative Arts Geography History Mathematics PSHE Science	English Business Studies Global Perspectives History Mathematics PSHE Science
Academic Study	25 hours of academic tuition and 5 hours of supervised prep	25 hours of academic tuition and 5 hours of supervised prep	30 hours of academic tuition and 7.5 hours of supervised prep
End of Programme Assessment	Internal examinations	Internal examinations	Internal examinations
Progression	Return to existing school (in home country) Prep School entry 11+ Senior School entry	Return to existing school (in home country) Senior School entry	Return to existing school (in home country) Senior School entry

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We have been delighted with the level of preparation shown by the students from Bishopstrow, both in their English and their academic work. It has allowed them to begin their courses with us confidently and successfully.

Queen Ethelburga's College

Destination Schools

We're always sad to say goodbye, but, by securing places at some of the most prestigious schools in the UK and overseas, our students always make us incredibly proud.

PREP SCHOOLS	SENIOR SCHOOLS		
All Hallows Ashdown House Aysgarth School Caldicott Cothill House Cottesmore School Eagle House School Edge Grove Elstree School Foremarke Hall Godstowe School Junior Kings Lockers Park School Maidwell Hall School Millfield Prep School Packwood Haugh School Orwell Park School Papplewick School Port Regis St Andrew's Prep, Eastbourne St John's Beaumont Sandroyd School Summer Fields Sunningdale School Swanbourne House The Dragon School The Downs Malvern The Elms School Windlesham House School	Abingdon School Abbots Bromley School Ashbourne Independent College ACS Cobham Aldenham School Badminton School Battle Abbey School Bearwood College Bedales Bede's Senior School Bedford School Beechwood Sacred Heart Bellerby's College Benenden Bethany School Bilton Grange Bloxham School Blundell's Bosworth College Bradfield College Bredon School Brighton College Brockenhurst College Bromley School Bromsgrove School Bruton School for Girls Bryanston Canford CATS College Charterhouse Cheltenham College Cheltenham Ladies College Christ Church Cathedral School Clayesmore Clifton College Concord College Dauntsey's School Dean Close DLD College D'Overbroecks Dover College Downe House School Downside Dulwich College Earlscliffe Eastbourne College Ellesmere College Epsom College Eton College Fairley House School Felsted	Gresham's School Glenalmond College Godolphin School Gordonstoun Haileybury Hampshire Collegiate School Harrogate Ladies College Harrow Kent College, Canterbury King Edward's School Witley King's Bruton King's Canterbury King's Schools Taunton Kingswood School Lambrook Lancing College Leighton Park School Leweston School Lime House School Lord Wandsworth College Luckley House School LVS Ascot Malvern College Malvern St James Marlborough College Mayfield School Merchiston Castle School Millfield Mill Hill School Milton Abbey Moira House School Monkton Combe School Monmouth School Moreton Hall School Oakham School Oundle School Oxford Tutorial College New Hall School Padworth College Prior Park College Prior's Field School Queen Anne's School Queen Ethelburga's College Queen Margaret's School Queen's College Taunton Queenswood Radley College Reed's School Rendcomb College Repton School	Richard Huish College Roedean School Royal Russell School Rugby School Ruthin School Rye St Antony Seaford College St David's College St Edmund's Canterbury St Edward's Oxford St George's School, Ascot St Lawrence College St. Mary's Ascot St. Mary's Calne St Mary's School, Cambridge St. Mary's Shaftesbury St Swithun's St Teresa's Effingham Seaford College Sedbergh School Sevenoaks School Sherborne Girls Shrewsbury School Shiplake College Stonar School Stonyhurst Stover School Stowe School Strathallan School The Harrodian The Ley's School The Oratory School The Mount School York The Royal High School, Bath The Royal Hospital School Taunton School Tonbridge School Trinity School Tudor Hall Uppingham Warminster School Wellington College Wellington School Westbourne School Westminster School Westonbirt School Winchester College Woldingham School Worth School Wycliffe College Wycombe Abbey



School Selection



Preparation for Entrance Exams and Interviews



Applications

Activities

- Contact agents/parents to determine plans for 'destination school' (if not already shared)
- Outline process and timeline
- Respond to questions and requests for advice
- Discuss schools and subject choices (if applicable)
- Conduct visits to a number of partner schools

Bishopstrow Team:

- Principal
- Resident Tutors

Activities

- Confirm examination and interview requirements for target schools, plus any other selection requirements
- Co-ordinate directly with target schools
- Organise practice tests and preparation of personal statements (as appropriate)
- Conduct practice interviews and give feedback

Bishopstrow Team:

- Principal
- Assistant Director of Studies
- Learning Coordinator

Activities

- Prepare confidential references for target schools

Bishopstrow Team:

- Principal

Student Testimonials

*'A stimulating place
to live and learn'*

The 'pathway to excellence' is different for every student but what they all have in common is their fond memories of Bishopstrow:

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Alongside English, Bishopstrow has helped me prepare for my next school, as we have many core subjects such as Maths, Physics, Biology, Chemistry etc. I have also made many new friends from around the world and have been able to experience and exchange cultures with them.

Indy from Thailand
Senior College Programme
Destination School: Kingswood School





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Bishopstrow College provided me with a good start that successfully led to furthering my studying in England with great confidence.

Ayaka from Japan
Junior College Programme
Destination School: The Dragon School and Marlborough College

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I felt that Bishopstrow would help me because the class timetable is the same as a traditional English school, so I could be fully prepared before going to my next school. Bishopstrow also really helped me improve my social skills. I was able to communicate with students from a number of different countries and learned a lot from them.

Harry from China
Senior College Programme
Destination School: Prior Park College
University: University College London



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I would sincerely recommend Bishopstrow to any international student who has the chance to come and study in the UK. It is a wonderful place. At Bishopstrow, I improved my English and my knowledge of other academic subjects. I learned a lot of cultural things and enjoyed making new friends and talking to them in another language. The College also helped me become more independent and careful with my time. I had the opportunity to challenge myself in different areas, including sports and studying. The only reason not to consider Bishopstrow is if you are fearful of new adventures!

Olenka from Ukraine
One Year IGCSE Programme
Destination School: Cheltenham Ladies' College
University: Durham University





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Bishopstrow offers much more than the degree of EAL support required by their intake - delivered to very small groups by teachers who are highly experienced in giving individually tailored assistance. However, what Bishopstrow also provides is a highly effective stepping stone to enable students to effectively bridge, not only the language and academic gaps but also to negotiate the social and cultural transition to their senior schools.

Gordonstoun

Sport and Social



'Exciting ways to learn English beyond the classroom'

The College's extra-curricular programme includes a range of sports, activities and clubs. We find this is a great way to strengthen English.

Every day, students get to take part in traditional British sports such as athletics, cricket, hockey, netball and rugby, plus basketball and football.

Clubs include 'The Crazy Scientist Club', Chess Club, Debating Club, Netball Club and Fitness Club. Weekend activities include country walks, outdoor cooking and survival simulation games.

Each activity is designed to foster team spirit and build confidence to integrate with others, when students move on from Bishopstrow.

Like most British independent schools, we have a House system, with students competing in multinational teams for the House of the Term Award.

We are also able to arrange other activities such as horse riding and golf on request, for an additional charge.





Boarding and Pastoral Care

*'We take our students' safety
and welfare extremely seriously'*

For many students, enrolling at Bishopstrow is their first time away from home. We therefore realise the importance of our fully-trained residential boarding team always being available to discuss any personal or health matters. The Principal, Head of Boarding and Deputy Head of Boarding live on site, as well as the residential boarding staff, ensuring a high staff ratio and a high level of supervision outside the classroom.

All of our boarding staff are first aid trained, and all students are registered with the local doctor just in case there's ever the need for medical treatment.

Most students live in Barrow House, at the heart of the main campus. This is also where all meals are served. There are also three further boarding houses – Mandalay, Riverside and Aldhelms – a short distance from the College. All accommodation is owned by the College.



Dormitories accommodate two, three or four students, with a couple accommodating up to eight students during the summer. Senior College students live in shared rooms of two, three or four, with access to kitchen and sitting room facilities.

All students have access to indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, common rooms, study spaces and Wi-Fi. We also provide a laundry service.





*'An area of
outstanding beauty'*

Location and Directions

Bishopstrow College is set in eight acres of beautiful grounds, with extensive gardens and playing fields.

Surrounded by clean country air and green space, students are encouraged to spend plenty of time outdoors. We are near the ancient market town of Warminster, and have many places of interest within easy reach such as Stonehenge, Bath and the cathedral city of Salisbury.

Bishopstrow College is easily reached by road (M3, M4 and M5) and is close to UK gateway airports.

Trains from Warminster railway station (five minutes from the College) run directly to London Waterloo and London Paddington stations.



Admissions

To apply to Bishopstrow College, complete the online Application Form and submit with the following supporting documents: Passport copy; Current School Report; and a Character Reference.

We require all applicants to have an interview with a member of the academic team. The interview will take place at Bishopstrow or via Teams/Zoom.

Applicants may be required to sit a Password English or Mathematics assessment, depending on the programme they are applying to.

For further information about the College, including the College policies, exam results and inspection reports, or to arrange a visit, please contact the Registrar:

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