



THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S BLUECOAT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write regarding our recent SIAMS inspection and to provide some updates linked to school events and arrangements over the coming weeks.

Updates and events

- **Year 7 & 8 Disco:** The Year 7 & 8 Christmas Social will be held on Friday 5th December. 6pm - 7.30pm. There will be a disco alongside a tuck shop, with light-up glasses and glo sticks for sale. Entry is £6. (Payable by cash on the door).
- **Inset Day:** Monday 8th December is a staff training day, this means that the school will be closed to students on this day. Students will return to school after the weekend on Tuesday 9th December ready for our usual 8:45am start.
- **Carol Service:** Please join us at Hereford Cathedral on Tuesday 16th December for our annual celebration of the Nativity, this year fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support. Performing will be current and former students plus some of our feeder primary schools in 5 lessons and carols. Event Details - doors open at 6:30PM, 7pm start, Hereford Cathedral, HR1 2DS.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-bishop-of-herefords-bluecoat-school/t-pqppvl>

- **Christmas lunch:** Our catering provider, Innovate, will be preparing and serving Christmas lunch for students on Wednesday the 17th of December. Further information regarding cost and organisational arrangements will be shared in the near future.
- **End of term:** Please note that term finishes for the Christmas break on Friday 19th December. All students will complete lessons 1-3 and will then return to form rooms. Students will be dismissed from school to start their Christmas break at 12:40pm. Please note that normal school bus services may not run at this time. Our school reception will close for the Christmas break at 1:15pm, it will reopen at 8:15am on Monday 5th January 2026.

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- **Start of spring term:** Students return to school after the Christmas break on Monday 5th January 2026 ready for our usual 8:45am start.
- **School contact:** Please note that details on how to contact the school are shared on our school website:
<https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Contact+Us&pid=33>
 Email contact details for our pastoral mentors can be found at:
<https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Staff&pid=51>

SIAMS Inspection

I am delighted to be able to share wonderful news regarding our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). This inspection focuses on how effectively our school, The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School, is living out its Christian vision.

The report is excellent and confirms that our school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is successfully enabling all pupils and adults to flourish. This outcome is a huge credit to our students, staff, governors, and the whole school community. I want to highlight some of the key areas where the inspector noted our school strengths, which are a testament to our commitment to providing 'life in all its fullness' for every student.

A summary of our school's notable strengths:

Strong Vision and Leadership: The report praised our strong leadership for driving our Christian vision of 'life in all its fullness'. This vision is deeply understood by everyone and has a significant impact, enabling students and adults to thrive.

A Rich, Inclusive Education: Our curriculum is described as broad, creative, and inclusive. It is specifically designed to bring our school vision to life, supporting students' social, ethical, and personal growth.

Exceptional Care and Support: The needs of our most vulnerable students and those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) are met with compassion, enabling them to thrive. Our pastoral care is highlighted as a strength, ensuring personalised support for students to live life fully.

Meaningful Worship: Collective worship is a central and valued part of our daily life. It provides meaningful opportunities for prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth, with students articulating how it helps them understand Christian values.

Excellent Religious Education (RE): Our RE subject area is led with enthusiasm and purpose and has a high profile in the school. It is structured to help students make sense of the world, and we are proud that all students study RE at GCSE and that outcomes are strong. The report also provided us with two constructive development points that will guide our planning for continuous improvement:

If you would like to read a full copy of our SIAMS report it is available on the school website:

<https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Inspection+Reports&pid=43>

Thank you for your ongoing support. This report affirms the strength of our community and the wonderful environment at Bishop's for your children.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Williams', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr T Williams
Headteacher