



THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S BLUECOAT SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Although there are restrictions in how we run our open evening this year, we are really keen to make sure that you have as much information as possible about Bishop's.

In the two years that I have been the headteacher at Bishops, there has been much change to improve the quality of the learning experience for all students. As learning doesn't stop outside the classroom, we also provide a huge range of extra-curricular learning opportunities for students which is difficult to beat. This is a really exciting time to be joining Bishop's as we realise our ambitions.

In 2019, our year 11 leavers put us in the top three schools in Herefordshire for Maths and English at grade 5 or above, with over 70% of students gained a standard pass in English and Maths. Although it has not been possible this year to publish school comparisons for the awarded GCSEs, the achievements of our year 11 students showed a significant improvement in all subject areas. We were also really proud to hear that our ex-head boy, Bevis Drury, who achieved four A stars in his A-levels has secured a place at Cambridge University to study natural sciences.

Although we will not be able to welcome as many families as we would normally do at Open evening to keep the school COVID secure, we are planning to offer a variety of opportunities for you to experience learning at Bishop's.

We are planning to run two evenings where you can attend a guided tour of the school. These are planned for:

Tuesday 29th September 2.00-8.00pm

Tuesday 6th October 5.30-8.00pm

There will be a limit on the number of tours that we can operate on these two evenings in line with the recent 'rule of six' government guidance. To run the tours fairly and efficiently, each tour group will be limited to two families each with one year 6 student accompanied by one parent/carer. For the tours, face coverings will need to be worn and regular hand sanitising practiced to continue minimising the risks to our COVID safe environment. Each tour will cover a variety of curriculum areas and provide an opportunity to meet the curriculum team leaders and a small number of students.

To book a place on a guided tour, please email

openeveningbookings@bhbs.hereford.sch.uk

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On the evening, please wait in your car until the exact time of your booking and come to reception at the allotted time. Due to these restrictions we will not be able to offer tours to anyone arriving without a booking. Bookings will operate on a first come first served basis. Because there are limited places please only book if your child is in year 6 and you are unsure about your school of choice.

As an alternative to visiting the school, we will also be providing a variety of virtual information on our school website including video messages from myself, students and the pastoral mentor for the 2021 intake in addition to information from the curriculum team leader for each subject area. We are developing this information and will post it as it becomes available onto the school website. All of the information will be complete and in place for the week beginning Monday 28th September. This can be found at <http://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Open+Evening&pid=125>

We hope you find all of the information helpful, if you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us on head@bhbs.hereford.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Henton".

Martin Henton
(Headteacher)