



Church of England School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Start of the new academic year at Bishop Ramsey

It has been wonderful welcoming our students back to the new academic year and, of course, our 220 new Year 7's and those joining our Sixth Form both from Bishop Ramsey and other schools. So far the very high levels of attendance and punctuality that we expect at Bishop Ramsey have been maintained and, apart from a handful of infringements, the standard of school uniform has been exceptional with students coming properly equipped to school and very much ready to learn. A reminder that the Uniform Policy, which details our rationale behind our uniform together with the full list of items, can be found at <https://www.bishopramseyschool.org/attachments/download.asp?file=7278&type=pdf>

I am delighted to report that our senior students achieved truly excellent results with the GCSEs and A Level results equally impressive. None had ever sat any public examinations before this summer due to the disruption caused by COVID but they achieved a remarkable set of results with sixteen of our students achieving A*s or A*s/As across all their subjects, a third of all A Level grades being A*-A, and 64% graded A*-B. We are delighted that the majority of our students have been able to secure their first choice University or Apprenticeship places including two to Oxford University.

At GCSE over 85% of all results received by our students were awarded at grades 4 - 9, over 70% were graded 5 - 9 and 21% of students achieved a 5 or better in all 10 of their subjects. It has been fantastic seeing so many of our students return to continue their Sixth Form studies here at Bishop Ramsey and we are incredibly fortunate to have so many excellent staff who, together with the hard work and commitment of our students and the unwavering support of you as parents/carers, help to make our school community what it is so that we can ensure the very best opportunities and outcomes for our young people. Your genuine partnership with us is a very important factor in why Bishop Ramsey continues to be so successful in the very broadest sense and, more specifically, as a Christian Learning Community.

A lot of work was undertaken in the school over the summer break including the installation of banks of new lockers, very kindly paid for by the Friends of Bishop Ramsey, without whose support we would not be able to do so many of the 'extra' things we can for our students. Six large digital signage screens have also been installed around the building to keep our learning community updated with the latest daily school news and information. To ensure that our IT strategy continues to support our commitment to innovative curriculum delivery and ensure IT is an integral part of the learning experience for all students, our brand new Wi-Fi network was installed over the summer to prevent lag time or 'dead spots' around our site. The final work on the creation of our Access and Inclusion Center (AIC) also took place and the newly restructured AIC staff team have wasted no time in starting work

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with those students who have been identified as benefitting from additional and specific support.

This year we are able to build upon the already impressive extensive range of clubs and extra-curricular activities which Bishop Ramsey has to offer and we know how much both our students and staff are looking forward to taking part in this important element of school life. We also have a significant number of trips taking place this year again, including both UK and overseas residentials and our commitment to the development of our students through such opportunities remains an important part of what we offer. One of our really popular and successful clubs that started last year was our Eco Club and I am delighted to let you know that, not only did the student team come first in a national competition, but that their prize awarded by the Dive Project Cornwall is enabling up to twenty of our students to spend a fully funded week in the summer term learning to scuba dive and gain a qualification. In addition, their very thorough application for Bishop Ramsey School to be recognised as an Eco School has resulted in the school being awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag status. The awarding committee were particularly impressed at the way our Eco-Committee members encourage others to join in environmental community service and the 'proactive, inclusive and educational approach to the programme.'

It was good to be able to share our post-Ofsted action plan and the work we have already undertaken at the open session for parents/carers on Tuesday evening and also to meet the parents/carers of our new Year 7's once again last night at the first of our Parent Information evenings. These sessions for all year groups, led by our Year Directors and which started last Autumn, continue again this term. The Key Dates for this academic year can be found at <https://www.bishopramseyschool.org/attachments/download.asp?file=7297&type=pdf>

We have a busy year ahead and I very much look forward to meeting you again at the various events we have planned over the next few months.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Macaulay