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Pride, purpose and a strong sense of community

Dear families,

I hope you have had a good week.

What a wonderful evening our Open Evening was on Tuesday. It is always a lovely moment when our students return to school to share their passion and enthusiasm with our visitors. Whether supporting subject areas, demonstrating experiments and performances, or acting as tour guides, they represented Bishop Justus with confidence and pride. It was particularly pleasing to see our students looking so smart in their uniforms, taking care over their presentation and learning, and showing visitors what it means to be part of our school community.

I want to thank all our staff for the tremendous effort that went into the evening. The enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment shown in welcoming families and showcasing Bishop Justus were clear to see. I am particularly grateful to our many non-teaching colleagues whose work behind the scenes made the evening possible. The school looked fantastic, and that reflected the dedication of our whole team.

In my presentation, I spoke about what we believe a Bishop Justus education should provide. It is not simply about strong academic outcomes, important though these are. We want an education that develops **confidence, character, curiosity and a sense of purpose**. We believe in high expectations alongside high support, an ambitious and broad curriculum, and a Christian ethos built around our six virtues.

Above all, we believe that every child has **meaning, value and potential**, and deserves to be known, challenged and supported. I asked parents to look beyond the seven years of secondary school and imagine the young person their child might become when they leave us. Our ambition is that students leave Bishop Justus with excellent qualifications, but also with the confidence and character to flourish in whatever comes next.

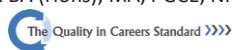
I am also delighted that, alongside **St Mark's Church of England Primary School**, we have been awarded the opportunity to organise the **School Games for the local authority**. This will give students across Bromley access to our excellent facilities for competitive sport, while giving our own students opportunities to compete, develop leadership skills and strive for their personal best. Mr Shaw, our newly appointed School Games Organiser, will also be developing more structured active play at break and lunchtime so that more of our students can take part.

Finally, next Thursday is our first face-to-face **Parent Forum** of the year. Mrs Rose, Chair of the Advisory Council, and I look forward to meeting families, sharing updates and answering questions. Everyone is welcome. The forum begins at **4pm in the school bistro**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Success through Faith, Love and Learning

Headteacher: Mr Barry Blakelock BA (Hons), MA, PGCE, NPQEL



Warm regards,

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Mr B Blakelock
Headteacher