

## 2018/19 report from Bassingbourn Village College

Bassingbourn Village College is proud of the hard work and endeavour shown by all its students.

Our current role has 638 students, yet another year-on-year increase compared to this time last year (609). All years are full and we have again easily filled our roll for the Year 7 intake in September.

In the summer GCSE exams 35% of our students achieved at least 3 or more 7+ (A/A\* equivalent) grades and 25% of all grades were at 7 or above. A number of Year 10 students took exams a year early in English Language and Psychology.

Highlights over the past year include

- French and Spanish exchange programmes
- Ollie Feast Trust summer school, The Leys, Cambridge.
- Year 11 trip to Battlefields in France and Belgium.
- World Book Day celebrations
- Student Enterprise Day
- World Challenge trip to Tanzania
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions
- Cambridge University outreach trips for Science and MFL
- Library and Literacy Awards Evening
- Sports Awards Dinner
- Year 11 Prom
- Primary liaison events including cross country, indoor curling, chess tournament and creative writing workshop.
- Dance Show and Performing Arts concerts.
- Students competed in the Cambridge Schools Shakespeare drama festival.
- Dance and Drama students have attended theatre and dance performances at Cambridge Arts Theatre and Sadlers Wells in London.
- BVC teams have performed well in the English Speaking Union's Churchill and Mace debating competitions. This year we also competed in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition.

Former year 11 student Iain Lynn was awarded Student of the Year in the Cambridge News Education Awards for his achievements in debating whilst fellow student Libby Taylor was voted runner up in the top sportsperson category.

Seven of our senior sports students were honoured at the annual Roy Burrell awards with Olympic hopeful Ben Cutmore picking up the Top Sportsman award.

We have been working with Councillor Van de Ven and representatives of local organisations to break down barriers within the local community through the Practical Solutions Group. Our year 11 College Captains organised a Christmas Tea Party for members of the Bassingbourn Over 60s Club which was a great success and we are looking forward to hosting a summer event for members of the local community. We are hopeful of including guests from the surrounding villages next year.

We have recently been awarded funding of almost £250,000 which will be used to improve school security and update the heating and electrics in parts of the school. The rear car park will also be improved.

Finally, we will have a change of Principal from September 2019. Duncan Cooper has moved onto a senior role within Anglian Learning (our multi-academy trust) and after a rigorous recruitment process, our current Head of School Vickey Poulter has been appointed as our new Principal.

