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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The Oratory Prep School rated 'excellent' in ISI Inspection 2021**

The Oratory Prep School in Goring Heath has been awarded 'Excellent' by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) for the personal development and academic achievement of its pupils, reinforcing its reputation for outstanding teaching and pastoral care.

Since the school's last inspection in 2017 the Framework has been updated and the bar significantly raised. According to the report, pupils have "outstanding levels of self confidence" and "attitudes to learning". Furthermore, inspectors found that pupils "take initiative, facilitated by their outstanding information and communication technology skills which they use extremely effectively to support and enhance learning in other areas of the curriculum".

The Headmaster, Rob Stewart said, "I am thrilled that the Inspectors have given such high praise to every aspect of school life and the hallmarks of an OPS education from the children's academic success to leading healthy and safe lives.

The Inspectors described pupils as having an "outstanding understanding of right and wrong, strong personal morality" and a "respect for diversity in their community".

They were impressed with pupils' "exceptional levels of physical activity and attitudes towards physical and mental health" with "excellent sporting attainment and skills."



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The Report recognised the high standard of academic achievement describing pupils as having “outstanding study skills and higher-order thinking for their age” and a “high proportion of children achieving entry to their first-choice selective senior schools with many gaining scholarships in sport, academic and creative subjects”. Over 80 scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded to Year 8 pupils in the past five years.

Mr Stewart said: “We offer a diverse, stimulating and challenging curriculum with subjects interconnected and an emphasis on skills-based learning for life. The Inspectors description of our pupils being ‘excellent decision makers with outstanding communication skills’, and ‘outstanding collaborators with the ability to work exceptionally well with each other to achieve common goals’ is indicative of our approach to education”.

Mark Malley, CEO of Bellevue Education said: “The excellent results achieved are a testament to the commitment and dedication shown by staff on a daily basis. It is reflective of the school’s strong commitment to pastoral care, well-being and providing a well-rounded education for every child. As we look to the future, I know that Mr Stewart and his team will continue to develop and enhance the pupil experience through delivering a progressive and forward thinking curriculum, anchored in the school’s history and tradition - ensuring that the school continues to be a truly happy and inspiring place to learn for all its pupils.”

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### **Notes To Editors**

ISI Inspectors operate under the Ofsted framework, approved by the Department of Education.



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The full report can be read at

[www.oratoryprep.co.uk/about-the-ops/inspection-reports/](http://www.oratoryprep.co.uk/about-the-ops/inspection-reports/)

### **About Oratory Prep School**

The Oratory Prep School (OPS) is a catholic day and boarding school for boys and girls aged 2 to 13, located in a rural setting on the borders of Oxfordshire and Berkshire, in Goring Heath. The School joined the Bellevue Group at the end of 2019, having previously been part of an Association with The Oratory School. Set within 65 acres of Oxfordshire countryside with outstanding facilities, OPS nurtures happy, balanced, confident and inquisitive children.

### **About Bellevue Education**

The Oratory Preparatory School is now part of Bellevue Education.

Founded in 2003, Bellevue Education is a leading group of schools dedicated to providing the best possible education to children and students aged from six months to 19 years.

Each Bellevue school is run independently, but united by the same commitment: to be a place where children thrive, which teachers aspire to work for, and which parents are proud to send their children to.

Bellevue schools are warm, happy and dynamic environments where students are encouraged to aim high, delivering a broad curriculum in innovative ways. Bellevue recruits exceptional staff and ensures they are fully supported, with unrivalled training programmes and shared best practice opportunities. The group also understands the importance of parents in their child's education, with a focus on parent communication.



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Bellevue believes that exceptional academic results are the natural outcome of instilling a lifelong love of learning. The group takes great pride in helping to shape futures and inspire tomorrow's leaders.

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