



The Graduating Class of 2016

We asked our graduates three questions: What is your favourite memory from BISH? What are your plans after graduation? What are your future aspirations?



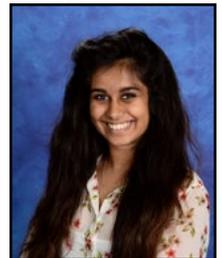
Tom A
University of St. Andrew's - Geology

My favorite memory is when we went to Tanzania to assist in a school development project. Interacting with students from the school was life changing.

I plan to relax, eventually go to University to study Geology.

I aspire to have a job that I love and do things that I am proud of.

Shivani B
University of Tulsa - Petroleum Engineering



My favorite memory at BISH, honestly, is Duke of Edinburgh (DOE). This is because we all got to realize the best and worst of each other. Even though I hated DOE, and I was in the grumpiest mood the whole trip due to the weather and strenuous exercise, my friends guided me through it and stayed by my side helping me through the way. It is my favorite memory because I am so close to them.

I am scared for life after graduation, because there are a lot of changes, especially with friendships. But I am looking forward to meeting all my friends in the future and seeing how everyone's lives have changed, and how they have changed. I am also excited for how my life will change and to have new experiences, especially in university with study abroad programs, sororities and the university lifestyle.

My aspiration is to travel the world - see what is beyond staying at home and being pampered by parents (even though I love it anyway) but to experience more and understand more cultures and see more in the world.



Jack B
Texas A&M - Accounting

My favorite memories of being enrolled at BISH are the moments where something unexpected happens and we all follow it like it is the most natural thing in the world.

I am looking forward to being able to stay in bed in the mornings.

My aspiration is to work for the US government.

Lewis B
Northumbria University - Chemistry



My favourite memories are the events that came to give my friends their hoodie names.

I plan to go to Newcastle and have a belter of a time. KEEEM AANNN.

I don't care where I'm going as long as I have a good time getting there.



Laura C
Cardiff University - Law

My most memorable moment at BISH is auditioning for house captain. Being on the stage was amazingly nerve wracking for me but the staff and students got me through it without me falling off the stage.

After graduation I can't wait to explore all my interests and discover new ones now that the academic work is over and the summer is open to explore.

I want to make the most of the academic advantage IB has given me and explore the world in all its colour and variety.



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Daphne C
Imperial College London - Medicine

BISH has taught me the importance of being independent and of relying on myself to accomplish the things I believe in. It has shown me that I am no longer the passive child, but the aggressive being, that I know my goals and how to strive towards them. Yet, one of the things I am most thankful for at BISH are my friends and teachers. In the awkward transition phase from teenager to adult, I am lucky to have a group of people that are ever supportive and ever believing. I have (hopefully!) discovered my path at BISH, but I'll always cherish most the easy comfort and relentless banter, at times where I felt stressed or unsure of myself. Sometimes its the small actions, not the big words, that you always remember!

I'm looking forward to the end of my exams! And then summer! I hope to become someone that inspires others, as many in my life have. Regardless of where I go and what I become, I hope to surround myself with things that make me happy (currently, food), and be truly satisfied with the person I have grown into.

Charlie D
UT Austin - Mechanical Engineering



Favorite memory: Performing live music at assemblies/informal concerts with some of my best friends (Matt, Jack, and Tom).

'You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go.' - Dr. Seuss

Statement on my aspirations: As an engineer, I hope to be able to push the boundaries of technological advancement and help solve some of the large challenges we face today as society.



Elisabeth D
UT Austin - BFA Design

My favorite moment at BISH was not so much a single occurrence but a collection of memories which I will forever cherish, such as eating lunch with my friends (or eating my friend's lunches), both because I love friends and I love food.

What I look forward to the most after graduation is focusing on things I am truly passionate about : art, meeting new people and most of all, catching up on all my Netflix shows which the IB has forced me to rudely neglect up until now.

My aspirations for the future are to be living in New York, being passionate about the work I do, and continuing to watch my love for cookies grow exponentially.

Finley D
University of Edinburgh - Medicine



Forming such close friendships is the reason that I've enjoyed these past 2 years of living in Houston so much. I also want to thank BISH for providing the opportunity to take A levels and I am proud to have been part of the first and penultimate group of this course.

Looking forward to finally finishing my exams and making the most of my time left in Houston.

Have a good life and keep smiling :) "Never tell me the odds" - Han Solo



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Matthew F
Loughborough University - Sports Technology

Definitely winning the state football with the school team is my favorite memory. Most of my best memories from the school come from playing in the school football team especially when captaining the side this year.

'Work hard, party harder.'

Just enjoy uni, get the most out of everything and get to where I want to be, hopefully in the sports industry, doing something I want to be doing.

Kieran G
North Umbria University - Applied Sport and Exercise Science

"Hard work pays off."



Chloe G
King's College London - Politics, Philosophy and Law

BISH has taught me to take risks and has given me the confidence to go beyond my comfort zone. Whether it be performing in school plays, such as Putnam and Fame or taking part in the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law campaign, BISH has always played a supporting and encouraging role.

I'm most looking forward to continuing humanitarian work into university - the job is never done! I'm also looking forward to building on the knowledge and skills I have gained during my time at BISH.

As cliché as it may sound - I aspire to make a positive difference somewhere in the world.

Amy G
University of St. Thomas - Pre-Dental

My favourite memory is our trip to Tanzania.

I plan to go to University of St. Thomas for pre dental.

"Trust your journey!"



Laura G
Trinity University - Communications and Film Studies

My favourite memories at BISH probably all revolve around lunch times in Year 12 by the courtyard; these are memories that I'll certainly cherish forever! It was there where we shared laughter, stories and even tears - it was where lifelong friendships were born! :)

I hope more than anything to share every bit of this summer with friends and family as much as I can, and treasure them as much as possible before we all part our own ways - I'm not ready to say goodbye yet, it will certainly be hard to say goodbye to some of the people that mean the most to me.

Whether it's screenwriting, advertising, film production, journalism - or whatever it is that I end up doing, I just truly hope that it makes me happy and that at the same time, it manages to have a positive impact on the large audiences that these mediums can reach!



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Michael G
Leeds Beckett University - Physiotherapy

"Take your time with your work or you will be in school forever."

Nick H

Northwest Community College - Working for Ledcor on LNG < Canada



I have three favorite memories from school. The first is the common room food fight. Second – every nap I took during a free period. Third, the banter with teachers and friends.

What I'm looking forward to is moving forward in life in the right direction, starting work to earn some money and seeing family back home.

When I get a job, I want to enjoy doing it. Also to make enough money to buy my dream car.



Alexander G
University of Sussex - American Studies and History

It's very hard to pick just one memory as the BISH experience has been so prominent and one which I shall cherish for many years. However, I suppose one moment that sticks out as the funniest would be the round of applause I received in year 12 after being wheeled away in P.E in a wheel chair after spraining my ankle rather embarrassingly.

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go."

After graduation I am looking forward taking time to go on holiday with friends and catching up with those in England that I haven't seen for a while before starting university. After completing my degree, I would like to go into policing or the military, though teaching remains a vocation of interest to me as well.

Makenna H

Australia (University of Melbourne pending) - Biomedical Engineering



My favourite memories from BISH include co-choreographing the school musical 'FAME' last year, as well as playing in the Jazz Band for the past four years.

After graduation, I'm most looking forward to moving to a new city and meeting new people.

I aspire to enjoy what I do in the future.



Arham J
National Service in Singapore (2 years), Brown University - Business, Entrepreneurship and Organisation

A favorite memory is being part of the coaching staff at BISH cricket team that got to train with the cricket all stars.

I am most looking forward to the exciting opportunities that life has to offer including saving lives, and creating an innovative path for the future.

I aspire to be a global citizen that can give back to the community and help improve lives with the skill set I have learnt at my time at BISH and hopefully it will lead to bigger and better things for future of our world.



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Aoife L
University College of London - History

I don't have a specific memory during my time at BISH that I treasure most, BISH is home for me so the majority of the memories I have here are happy ones anyway!!

After graduating, I am most looking forward to the freedom - being able to focus on the subject areas I am most interested in.

After BISH, I hope to go to UCL and get a History degree.

Daniel L
University of York - Film and Television Production



My favorite memory from BISH is one break time, me and some other boys (from the last class of year 13s) were hanging out in the IT room. We noticed a hole in the ceiling where a projector was designed to put through the ceiling. One of the boys in their year had left a gatorade bottle in the IT room with his belongings and would always get really annoyed when anyone messed with his gatorade, as a prank we put the bottle in the ceiling and had the bottle poking through the hole cap first, this was so that it was noticeable but not so noticeable that it would be noticed right away. So we went about our business and class started. The bottle was noticed right away by the boy but he found it funny and we wanted to see if Mr. Lifton would notice. It took him 3 days to notice and we got banned from the IT room for the rest of term (about 4 weeks) for break and lunchtimes.

I am looking forward to being able to really put myself into an industry that I will enjoy and hopefully find myself a position where I can live by the philosophy: find a job that you love doing and you will never work a day in your life.

What my aspirations are: my aspirations are to find myself in a position where I truly enjoy what I am doing to the point where it doesn't feel like a job. My only goal really is to do something as a job that I enjoy and am not felt burdened to do.



Meeral M
Keele University - Medicine

Favorite memory at BISH would be all of it (excluding all the stress, mental breakdowns and the extended essay) because the people I have met and the friendships I have created are definitely ones I don't want to lose!

The thing I am most looking forward to after graduation is being able to take all my exams, and then maybe spending a good two weeks cocooned in blankets and catching up on sleep to celebrate having survived sixth form.

My greatest aspiration is to make it through the next few weeks with less than 5 mental breakdowns, and then I aspire to binge watch Netflix until Netflix starts demanding whether I'm 'still watching' or until my parents cancel the subscription.

Natalie M
Glasgow - Make-up Artist



My favourite BISH memory is when I first came here and was put in the wrong class

My plans after graduation are to find a course I am passionate about and get a part time job on the side

My aspirations are to find a job doing something that I love

Inspirational quote: "Hakuna Matata"



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Kirsty M
University of Aberdeen - International Relations and Sociology

Pinpointing a favorite memory is something near impossible; so much has happened in the short 2 years that I was enrolled, but I can say I enjoyed every second of it. I think it has prepared me for whats to come in my life in the way it has taught me that I can overcome almost anything when I put my mind to it. (And that I don't need to freak out when my bus is late!!!)

I plan to spend time with everyone in Houston before going off on our own paths.

I don't have a "life plan" as such, I am excited to discover where life is going to take me.



Georgia M
University of Southampton - Education

Making an incredible group of friends, that have become a second family to me over the years. Without them I really wouldn't have got this far!

The possibilities are endless!

I'm looking forward to being "the big heart that shapes little minds"



Doyle O
Newcastle University - Business Studies

Favorite memory : winning the state championship and Tanzania

Plans after graduation: have lots of sleep and watch every show on Netflix

Aspirations: create my own company and provide jobs



Charlotte P
University of Leeds - Neuroscience

I will always look back fondly remembering our close knit group of A Level students and how we all bonded to share many amusing moments in class over the two year period. As a part of the A Level programme of study I feel being able to specialise in what are both my three favourite subjects and also are the most relevant to my desired area of study has hopefully prepared me well for the next step in my education. Particularly in biology I feel the encouragement to consistently expand my knowledge further beyond the syllabus has excited me for similar independent study that will occur at university, and the intensive study of all my favourite subjects has only reinforced in my mind that I am in fact on the right track in my life, a focus I fear I may never have found if my attention was more divided between a greater number of subjects studied at this higher level.

After graduation I'm mostly looking forward to actually getting my exams over and done with so I finally don't have to think about anything important for a while.

Assuming I get the three grades I need, I hope to get into my top choice university and enjoy my time to the fullest, walking out, hopefully, five years later with a Master's degree and then I'm on to get my Doctorate!



Alexander P
Queen Mary University London - History

"Don't let yesterday guide your actions today, tomorrow has let to come so live life too its fullest regardless of events"

Favorite BISH memory: All of them are precious too me its too hard to pick just one

Plans after graduation: Spend as much time as possible with my friends

Your aspirations: Too finish my degree and start studying law



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Alexander P-R
University of Houston - Business

Favorite BISH memory: The year 8 trip to Arizona was filled with so many great memories. However I will never forget the day all my buddies and I drank 5-hour energies and went crazy at the slide rock natural water park doing flips off of the structures for "street cred".

Plans after graduation: To Hold it down studying in the USA for a few years and eventually transfer to UT Austin in hopes of achieving a degree from the McCombs School of Business. What happens from there is up in the air.

Aspirations: To one day be successful enough to have a stable job in whichever field is my passion. But most importantly I aspire to share my life and experiences with someone who will share their own with me.

Marcus P-R
University of Houston - Environmental Studies



Favorite memory: Lunchtime rap battles with Christopher and Lewis.

What I am looking forward to most after graduation: Initially I'll be looking forward to making the most of my summer vacation, staying up late and not worrying about deadlines or responsibilities. Eventually I look forward to accepting the challenges and responsibilities of the college experience.

My aspirations include: Excelling in my studies at University, acquiring a rewarding and fulfilling job, supporting and living comfortably with a family of my own, changing the world in a measurable and positive way. Or becoming a pro-gamer so I can abandon those dreams and retire early.



Rowen P
Heriot Watt University Edinburgh - Computer Systems

My favorite BISH memory is the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

I plan to enjoy summer and go to university.

My future aspiration is to live a happy and fulfilling life.

Mitchel P



BISH has helped to teach me the importance of teamwork and helping each other in the face of tough challenges and adversity.

I'm most looking forward to meeting new people, learning new things, and new opinions that may be different to my own so I can expand my world view.

I want to learn how I can best help people and the environment to guarantee a good world and life for our future generations.



Tarun R
University of Houston - Chemical Engineering

Favorite BISH memory: Taking part in the Interview process leading to the elections of House captains

Plans after graduation: Enjoy the summer as much as possible and prepare to attend University of Houston and major in Chemical Engineering and minor in Management.

Aspirations: Become a successful and happy Chemical Engineer



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Nicola R
University of Surrey - Biological Engineering

After completing IB, I feel really prepared for Uni because the experience has taught me how to manage my time effectively and how to deal with stress.

After grad, I'm most looking forward to going back to the UK to see my family and then to France with my friends.

In the future, I hope to get a master's degree and then a job doing something I love.



Charlotte S
University of Berlin - Architecture

I plan to be finally living and studying in an urban environment.

Favourite memory was when Mr Wilson sang at the celebration assembly.

My aspirations are to be successful and and always see the fun in the things I do.



Aimee S
University of Liverpool - Environmental Science



James S
University of Birmingham - Sport and Exercise Science

I have many fond memories but one of my favourites was Michael asking Mrs. Wilson what Mr. Boak's last name was.

I'm looking forward to meeting new people, going new places and putting what I've learnt to the test.

I aspire to educate myself well enough to get a well paying job (preferably in the sporting industry) to provide for myself and a family in the future.



Emily T
University of Birmingham - Medicine

My time at BISH has meant that I have made so many amazing friends and shared incredible memories with them over the last 2 years. My A- level studies and the experiences I've had as part of this school have allowed me to develop valuable life skills, such as creativity, commitment, independent study and teamwork, to name a few.

I am most looking forward to the independence of being a university student, and starting medical school!

In the future, I aspire to be successful and happy in everything I do, and as a doctor, spend my life helping others.



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Samuel V
University of Houston - Computer Science

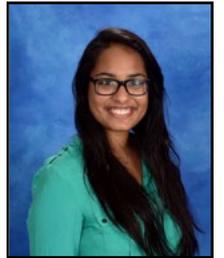
Favorite memory - Winning the TAPPS State Final in year 11.

Plans after graduation - Summer trip to France and then attend Univeristy of Houston

Aspirations - Graduate with a major in computer science and make money

Anoushka V

University of Southampton - Computer Science with Foundation Year



My favourite memory is simply meeting all the students in my year! I will always remember the support and happiness our year group shared over the past two years. I would like to continue sharing this positivity later in my life when I'm preparing for future.

After graduation, I am looking forward to my independence as a young adult, like many people my age. It will be a challenging phase in my life but hopefully the most exciting and I will learn a lot as I grow.

My aspirations mainly revolve around being happy and confident in my life. I would like to be more innovative and successful within my professional life which may involve technology and computing.



Helen W
University of Southampton - Marine Biology

My memory is of the choir and our Christmas karaoke 'competition' where Chloe failed miserably at being the Simon Cowell judge, as every time she said something remotely critical she would laugh and apologize.

My aspiration is to be saving the ocean as a marine biologist and living in a beach.

Olivia W

Durham University - Law



Favorite memory: Chaotic common room lunches with my favourite people which involved food fights, furniture wars with the Year 12s and rib-crushing sneak attacks from DJ G. By living through this, BISH has taught me to be prepared for anything, and to learn to take everything, (even mushy bananas on my folders), in my stride.

What I am looking forward to most after graduation: Guiltless Netflix

My aspiration is to find and create happiness in the places I visit, the people I meet, and in my study of Law, which I hope allows me to develop as a person as well as furthering my interest in the complex humanistic issues the subject addresses and the subsequent opportunities it offers.