

## **BCS experiential learning program welcomes second Scholar-in-Residence**

It is our pleasure to announce Liane Nowell, Executive Director of the Kenauk Institute, as our second Scholar-in-Residence. Liane comes to BCS with a wealth of knowledge related to the fields of marine ecology, fish husbandry, and sustainable living and conservation.

The BCS Scholar-in-Residence program is a standout in Canadian experiential learning. This endowed program, made possible by the generous support of the Eric T. Webster Foundation, Cynthia Baxter, KHC'52 and family, and the R. Howard Webster Foundation, fuels a spirit of innovation, an outside-the-box perspective, and a mindset focused on the advancement of knowledge, teaching, and learning at BCS for students and faculty alike.

Our Scholar-in-Residence program aims to encourage exploration and deeper understanding through contact with experts, scholars, and thought-agents of all kinds. These visiting scholars, who will take up residence on our campus for an extended period, will provide our students, faculty, and the entire BCS community the opportunity to be exposed to, learn from, and live side-by-side with masters of innovation, creation, and scientific discovery.

We were fortunate enough to be introduced to The Kenauk Institute through Doug Harpur, BCS'67, who is the Chair of its Board of Directors. Over the past three years, BCS has been working extensively with Liane and the Institute on a variety of projects. Liane oversees the Junior Internship Program, which annually aims to offer two of our female students the opportunity to gain first-hand research experience in ecology and other fields of biology. The junior interns spend ten days in the field working under the tutelage of Liane and other female undergraduate and masters level students, and gaining a better appreciation and understanding of true scientific research.

Our Form II students also travel to Kenauk once a year for a nature camp in the early fall coordinated by Liane. During the camp, our students have the chance to experience nature, some for the first time, and bond with one another and their teachers, as well as to gain a better understanding of some of the basics of ecology in Quebec.

We are honoured that Liane will be joining us on campus next week, to work alongside both our students and our faculty and staff. With her background as an educator, Liane will be helping to develop our ecology curricula and to give our teachers inspiration for designing inquiry-based, hands-on, and field-based educational programs. Liane will be working closely with our Science Department and offering workshops to all during this visit and a planned return visit. Liane will cover topics such as:

- Permanent sample plots being marked in our forest for the recording of trees and fauna that will be part of a 100-year study.
- Locating vernal pools in the field and discovering what is living in them.
- How to use and track the data that is being captured by the BCS weather station.
- Recording data through installed trail cameras and tracking animal movement over time.
- Insect traps for observation and identification in the forest.
- Bat population nighttime activity.

- Educational workshop on ticks and what a deer tick bite looks like and how to react if bitten.
- Pollinators (bees, wasps, and others) outdoor activity for field observation.

She will be the second resident of the fully furnished Scholar-in-Residence apartment and will have full use of the adjoining multi-purpose work and display areas in the lower level of Mitchell Family House.

We look forward to welcoming Liane to Moulton Hill!

### **About Bishop's College School**

Established in 1836 in Quebec, Canada, Bishop's College School (BCS) is an IB World School offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and certificates. With a 250-acre campus bordered by farmland and rolling hills on one side and by the city of Sherbrooke on the other, BCS is a small, welcoming community and a second home to students from over 35 different countries. We create a caring community of learning and development where cultures connect and individuals matter. By embracing a rigorous yet supportive academic program and a well-rounded education that includes athletics, the arts, leadership and development, and global citizenship, BCS is preparing students to become tomorrow's leaders. We offer a Bilingual Option (English and French), as well as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program, and are a proud member of Round Square, through which students can go on exchanges and volunteer abroad.

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