



Bishop Luffa School

*I have come in order that you might
have life - life in all its fullness*

John 10:10

2018-19

Dear parents, carers and friends of Bishop Luffa School,

Welcome to our first yearbook, celebrating a busy twelve months at Bishop Luffa School. Our vision for the school comes from John 10:10, where Jesus explains his role in the lives of his followers: "I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness." We aim to give all of our students the richest experience of education that they can have. Hopefully our yearbook will give you a glimpse of some of that fullness.

It is very important to us that we live out our values, and you will find details of the many charities that we have supported during the year. Each House has their own charity, and we choose The Snowdrop Trust, Springboard and Grassroots as our whole school charities. Over the course of the year Bishop Luffa students raised £17,000 for good causes, with events ranging from bake sales to the annual Sixth Form Fashion Show.

We have been blessed to be the beneficiaries of charity ourselves. One of our parents has started a charity called 'Business 2 Schools', which encourages businesses to donate used furniture and IT equipment to local schools. We also have an active and very successful Parents, Carers and Friends Association, who have raised enough money this year to create a recording studio and fund a mini-bus, school counsellor and buy our students daily newspapers.

Bishop Luffa School is a unique place to live and work, a place where we all give our best because we truly believe that everyone around us matters.

Best wishes,

Austen Hindman
Head Teacher



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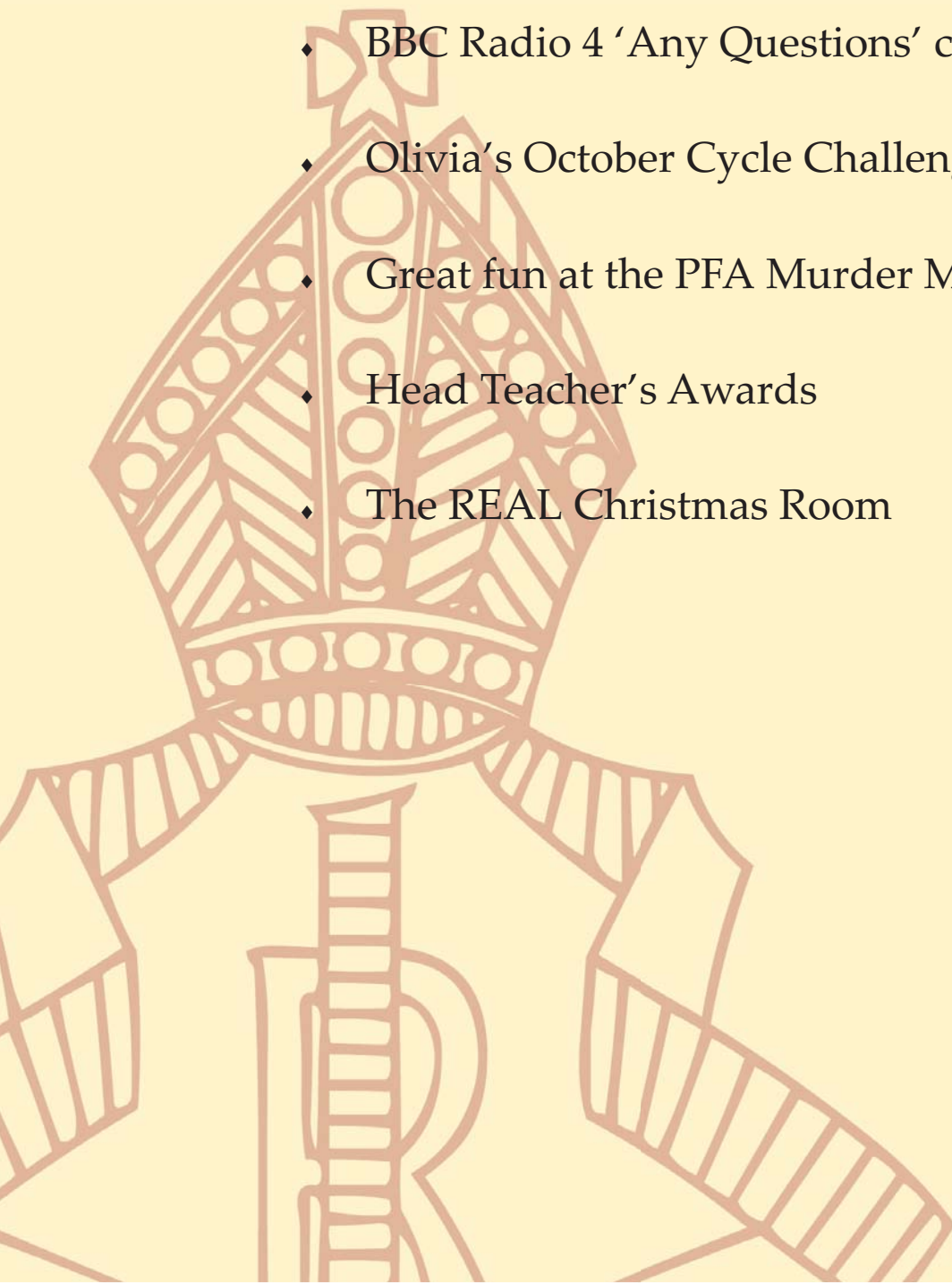
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Fantastic Exam Results at A-Level and GCSE

In August 2018 Bishop Luffa Sixth Formers had much to celebrate when they got their impressive A-Level results. Close to a third of all exams taken by the group of 144 students gained top grades A*-A, and across the cohort students achieved an average of a B grade overall. Jamie Saunders, Head of Sixth Form, said, "This is the first year that the new A-Level curriculum has been examined for the majority of subjects. Coursework has largely disappeared, the new exams are tougher and more content-heavy than before, and the number and length of exams has increased. As a result, the pressure has never been greater. Our students have therefore done incredibly well to persevere and exhibit the strength of character, grit and resilience to achieve outstanding results. They have worked extremely hard to meet their potential and now embark on a range of exciting courses at some very competitive universities."

Outstanding GCSE results also greeted excited pupils in August 2018, with pupils excelling themselves this year. The new specifications were tougher than before: coursework was out and terminal exams were in; the rote-learning of much more knowledge is the new style, which is tested in more and longer exams. These had been stressful times for our young people. Overall, 36% of all exams gained the top range of points 9-7, equivalent to the old A*-A grades, and 88% of all entries gained grades 9-4 (or A*-C). There were over 150 entries at the top grade 9. We were delighted with these fantastic results.





A warm Bishop Luffa welcome to Year 7

At the beginning of September we welcomed our new Year 7 pupils to Bishop Luffa School, at the same time as welcoming back all our other pupils. They started their day with breakfast, before spending the morning getting to know each other through a range of activities. *Positively MAD* gave a great session showing Year 7 creative approaches to learning. The day concluded with Spaghetti Towers, a traditional, healthy inter-house competition, the winners being Otter House. Mr Topley, Assistant Headteacher, Head of Key Stage 3 talked to the pupils about how to get the BEST out of their time at Bishop Luffa, linking in to our motto 'Always our BEST because everyone matters.'

B – be **brave** – there can be lots of uncertainty when you start secondary school

E – be **energetic** in your approach towards learning

S – **smile** at others – it's an act of kindness

T – be **true** to yourself





Bishop Luffa Remembers

Faint sunshine and a stiffening breeze greeted pupils as they all headed onto the School field for a Service of Commemoration on Friday 9th November. This was the culmination of a series of events over the week which focused on commemoration of the Armistice centenary, including assemblies and lunchtime talks. Pupils and staff had spent the week recording names on small crosses made by the care-taking team. These created a field of remembrance on the grassed area at the front of School. As pupils walked onto the field, the sight of these crosses, and the lost lives they represented, helped bring a level of quiet and reflection that was admirable.

The whole School, from Year 7 to 13 were joined on the field by parents, School Directors, local clergy, members of the armed forces and a representative of the British Legion.

As the service progressed, with a mix of readings, and prayers, the pupils' maturity was a credit to them. It was clear that the service had real meaning. Wreath laying followed a two minute silence, which was itself preceded by the Last Post. Mr Hindman drew the service to an end by blowing a whistle used during the Great War. The poignancy of this sound was a fitting end to a moving service.





BBC Radio 4 'Any Questions' comes to Bishop Luffa

On Friday 14 December, after bidding for the show back in 2013, Bishop Luffa played host to BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions?* – a topical discussion panel in which an array of personalities from the worlds of politics, media and elsewhere are posed questions by the audience. Hosted by the preeminent Jonathan Dimbleby, panellists included Hilary Benn MP (Labour), former shadow Foreign Secretary, known for his Syria speech, Peter Bone MP (Conservative), a staunch Brexiteer who tried to remove the PM, as well as Caroline Nokes MP (Conservative), Minister of State for Immigration at the Home Office and Sir Vince Cable MP (Liberal Democrat), current leader of the Liberal Democrats.

Some students, staff and parents were fortunate enough to meet with Mr Dimbleby and the MPs after the event, speaking freely on political issues of all kinds, and at one point, football. All of the panellists and Mr Dimbleby himself were particularly engaged with the students, curious to trade perspectives and experiences, and shared the details of what it's really like in Westminster.

Report by Seb Maxted (13Ridgeway)



Olivia's October Cycle Challenge

Olivia Baggott (8Andrewes) challenged herself during October to cycle 116 miles (1 mile for every night she spent in hospital earlier this year). She is delighted to have successfully completed the challenge; and so far she has raised an amazing total of £3,275.75 to support Piam Brown Ward at Southampton Children's Hospital and Howard Children's Ward at St Richards Hospital.

Olivia said; "It feels great to do something positive to give back to the incredible teams that helped me and to raise money to help other children".



Great fun at the PFA Murder Mystery

A wonderful evening was had by all at the Murder Mystery evening 'Murder at the Manor' organised by the School's Parents & Friends Association, supported by drama students. The event was a great success. It was fantastic to see an enthusiastic audience, some arriving in costume and making appropriate gasps and titters as they busily wrote down clues as the mystery unfolded. Simon Tooley, Chairman of the PFA hosted the evening in role as a slightly worse-for-wear French chef.

Head Teacher's Awards

Head Teacher Awards are given out at the end of the academic year and at the end of the calendar year to students who have shown outstanding commitment to their community. The following students received an Award in December 2018.

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| ♦ Ella Geary (8Burrows) | ♦ Gemma Etherington (11Otter) |
| ♦ Charlotte Horn (9King) | ♦ Olivia Baggott (8Andrewes) |
| ♦ Aniko Gyopos-Cooke (10Wilson) | ♦ Kate Christopher (13Andrewes) |
| ♦ Eleanor Hughes (11Sherborne) | ♦ Holly Chapman (13Sherborne) |
| ♦ Lily Barkes (9Story) | ♦ Frankie Krum (13Story) |
| ♦ Beatrice Harmston (10Ridgeway) | |



The REAL Christmas Room

As the school term came to a close, pupils from Year 7 to Sixth Form took the opportunity to visit The REAL Christmas room, hosted by the Bishop Luffa Christian Union.

Pupils took part in a range of reflections and prayer activities to consider further what lies behind our Christmas celebrations for example, using some of the thought provoking ideas and images from the book 'Jesus was a refugee' by Andrew McDonough. This led on to some pupils creating their own prayers and thoughts about our world today on paper boats.

We had a fantastic team of volunteers from local churches who came to support this event.



Pupils at Bishop Luffa School are supported by a strong House system, with each House having a distinctive identity. Turn the page to find out what each House has been up to this year





Andrewes House

The year started before it had even finished with the visit of the Year 6's/soon to be Year 7's in July 2018, finding their feet as they found out what it was like to be part of Andrewes House, and getting to know their class mates.

Andrewes House has had a busy year. Charity events have raised money for the House charities 'Sussex Snowdrop Trust' and 'Diabetes UK', these charities having been chosen as there are close links to pupils past and present.

Year 7 got to know each other really well during their residential trip to the Isle of Wight, where challenges were met and experiences shared.

All in Andrewes House immersed themselves into the Interhouse competitions that took place throughout the year, including drama, sport and dance.



Year 10s ventured into the world of work experience, spending time finding out about possible careers and future pathways.

As Head of House I have been extremely proud of the way the Year 11s have approached their GCSEs – a time that can be stressful but they all pulled together.

My thanks go to all the Tutors in Andrewes House – for the support and care they give the pupils during their time at Bishop Luffa School.

Head of House: Mr Putnam

Burrows House

If you believe, you can achieve!

This academic year Burrows House have taken part in and organised a variety of different events, from the youngest to oldest in our House, we are all proud of the achievements and bonds we have created this year.



Starting with Year 7, coming up from Primary school was not an easy job, but without hesitation, they immediately grew from peers into friends. A defining point of this was their residential which saw them in the Isle of Wight performing activities such as bush fires, laser tag and many other exciting opportunities to which they would never experience anywhere else. Each and everyone of them feeling nervous but the excitement over taking that. They truly created memories that they would never forget.



Year 8 started with them no longer being the youngest in the school and saw them blossom in their learning and journey in Bishop Luffa. They actively participated in a superb charity event to which showed great turnout and success, helping our house charity of 'Dreams come true'. As a House, year 7 and 8 almost all took a vital party part in our 3 legged sponsored walk helping us to gain a tremendous target of a whopping £1000!

Year 9 saw options of GCSEs being explored coupled with the excitement of so many sport events they took part. Year 9 has sports being their strongest area within the House. Their assembly on how to prepare for Sports day inspired us greatly. Taster lessons of GCSEs were a brilliant insight to what the future holds for us in Bishop Luffa and Burrows House. Also Y9 saw one of their students organising a bake sale to raise money for an orphanage in Nairobi. We are really happy to see leadership skills being developed whilst trying to support the children who are less fortunate.

Year 10 brought the start of GCSEs courses with mock exams which as well as being nerve wracking were exciting. It was also vastly more enticing due to the prospect of work experience with students going off to vet surgeries, schools and estate agents for a week to give a window into a full time livelihood. This was met with feedback such as "I want to go back" or "schools not that bad, I'm alright being here for a bit longer". Facing GCSEs next year will be something to think about over the summer holidays.

And finally after a hard year of revision and determination, 11 Burrows managed to get through them all and wait in anticipation to results day!

With, at this moment leading us in inter house sports, having a strong House drama piece, teachers and students fundraising even further for Burrows house, we are determined to always do our best. All in all, it has been a fantastic year for Burrows House and our future looks bright!

Joseph Stevens (10Bu)



Head of House: Mrs Bagdoniene

King House

Success Through Practice



This has been another busy but exciting year for students in King House.

We began the year by welcoming our new cohort of Year 7 pupils who quickly settled in and made a great start.

One of the first big events King House was involved with was during the period of Harvest Festival. King House pupils were set the challenge to decorate a box and fill it with items suitable for the local foodbank. There would then be a prize for the tutor group who collected the most items

and the group with the best box design. It was 9 King who took victory in both categories with their family of pumpkin boxes. This was closely followed by 8 King with their pig in mud box! Thank you to everyone who made this event so successful. We hope we can run this again next

year to support the local community.



In October 7 King went on the residential trip to the Isle of Wight. Everyone had a great time and many new experiences from lazer tag, lighting fires and bowling.



The summer term has seen the launch of our charity event King Team Tri. This has seen pupils collecting sponsorship for running, cycling and swimming events. The money raised from this event will go to Sarcoma UK. We are hoping that we can beat the £1200 we were able to raise last year with this event. Towards the end of term we had a King House pink non-uniform day and cake sale to help raise as much as we possibly could for this fantastic cause.

Head of House: Ms McAuley

Otter House

Believe, Achieve and Succeed

This has been another busy but exciting year for pupils in Otter House, beginning the year by welcoming our new cohort of Year 7 pupils who quickly settled in and made a great start.

One of the first big events Otter House was involved with was during the period of Harvest Festival. Otter House students were set the challenge to decorate a box and fill it with items suitable for the local food bank. There would then be a prize for the tutor group who collected the most items and the group with the best box design. Year 9 Otter collected the most food winning the competition.



In October 7Otter went on the residential trip to the Isle of Wight. Everyone had a great time and had many new experiences from lazer tag, lighting fires and bowling. It was a great opportunity to bond as a tutor group, making new friends.

In February, Mrs Feakins-Taylor gave birth to a beautiful little girl, Ember, which meant that we needed a new leader for the House. We were very pleased that Miss Tugwell was able to step in.

Throughout the year as a House we have been very successful in our Interhouse sports competitions, the Year 7 boys winning the rugby and the Year 11s winning the Interhouse Dance competition for their year and performing at the Evening of Dance.

We have worked hard as a House raising money for our House Charity *Macmillan*. The Year 11s sold roses; the pupils in the school bought a rose and wrote a message on a tag and the Year 11s delivered them to the chosen recipient on Valentine's Day. This raised £127. The Year 9s baked and ran a cake sale at lunchtime raising over £50 whilst the Year 7s and 8s worked together to sell ice creams on a hot summer's day raising £193.



Head of House: Miss Tugwell/Mrs Feakins-Taylor

Ridgeway House



It has been a busy year for our Ridgeway pupils.

A trip to the Isle of Wight in October for our new Year 7 pupils gave them the opportunity to get to know each other; everyone had a great time and got to try lots of new experiences including lazer tag, lighting fires and bowling.

In December Ridgeway House pupils donned their Reindeer Antlers and Flashy Red

Noses to brace the bitter cold elements of the school field. Pupils across all key stages took part and completed a substantial number of laps of the rugby pitches. This is an annual charity event for Ridgeway House Charity *Chestnut Tree House Hospice*.



Ridgeway House did themselves proud at the Interhouse Dance Competition with Year 7 and Year 9 winning their year group competition, Year 10 coming 2nd, making Ridgeway the overall winners of the competition. Congratulations to all those who took part.

Our Year 11s have had a busy year preparing themselves for their GCSE exams – they worked hard and pulled together to support each other at what can be a difficult time. Many of them attended the Year 11 Prom and now have the summer to relax, many of them returning to us in September for the Sixth Form or going off to new adventures at College and apprenticeships. We wish them all the very best.

Head of House: Mr Bonney

Sherborne House

Here to inspire, challenge, achieve from when we start to when we leave

Each tutor group were asked to reflect on their personal highlights and memories from a hectic and productive year for those pupils and tutors in Sherborne House.

Year 7 – The first recollection that springs to mind for the newest members of Sherborne was their trip to the Isle of Wight. For many this was their first expedition away from home but nerves soon subsided when new friendships were struck up

through a range of activities requiring teamwork and trust. Through the dedication of Maisie Page and Daisy May Mount, 7Sherborne raised the significant sum of over £100 for the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary during a sponsored silence. One thing that will be kept quiet is that they only managed as far as end of period 1, before having to restart!



money for the House Charity. Compliments, smiles and kind gestures were shared by all for a good cause. 9Sherborne kicked off the year with promptly organising the first Sherborne charity event – a homemade bake sale raising a sum just shy of £100 for *Feeding Futures*.

In March, 10Sherborne enjoyed a variety of different work placements as part of the school work experience programme. Employers ranging from veterinary surgeries to garages and from primary schools to football clubs all reported what a credit 10Sherborne were to Bishop Luffa in terms of their attitude and work ethic. I am also thankful for the excellent presentation of these experiences in the subsequent House Assembly.

In Year 11 where the inescapable anxiety of public examinations loomed large, Mr Thomas' tutor group still managed to enjoy light-hearted and informative starts to the day in tutor time and contributed significantly to life in Sherborne House. Mr Thomas waged a year-long campaign to convince his form that the 80s was in fact the best decade through his epic Friday music quizzes. Seen as an opportunity to pass on quality music taste to the next generation, the response was mixed!



Head of House: Mr George

Story House



7Story burst on to the scene at the start of September and have been keeping Mrs Callaghan on her toes ever since. They have enthusiastically been involved in the many activities and events open to them. Needless to say a memorable time was had on the Isle of Wight residential where friendships already forming were strengthened and new ones made, all without an apparent need for sleep.

8Story have contributed in the life of the school in their various ways over the year. Many pupils have been selected to represent the school in all forms of sporting events with great success. We have talented singers who have sung in the choir, others have supported Fruition and had important roles in the school production.

9Story have been involved in various school activities this year, contributing to worship at the school through helping with the Eucharist and being part of the Worship Band. In May 9Story and 10Story worked together baking and selling cakes to raise money for *Dementia UK*. 10 Story enjoyed a range of different work environments as part of work experience week.

This last year has been a busy one for 11 Story – with another set of mocks, commitments such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award and of course the real GCSE exams, our form time has always been a breathing space to pre-



pare for the day and week ahead. On top of this they have organised bake sales, assemblies and Eucharist's. The form has certainly stuck together through thick and thin this year supporting each other in order to help get through the more stressful times. Many have been on the Prom Committee and have contributed to the School Council

We said a fond farewell to 13Story at the summer ball, hosted as always, at the Chichester Marina, with the sunset on the harbour providing a perfect, and apt, backdrop to their last Bishop Luffa event. We do hope they keep in touch. Year 12 are a studious bunch.

Many are busy attending Open Days so they can choose

the right course and University for next year. They are also preparing for their Work Experience, while some are off to Tanzania and we are looking forward to the House Drama this year: *Dark Road*.

Head of House: Mrs Charge

Wilson House

Wilson means family, and that means no one gets left behind



I look back at my first full school year as Head of Wilson and can truly say that it has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience. It is an honour to now be able to share some of their antics and achievements with you.

Our Year 7s have settled in to life at Luffa with remarkable ease and have been Digital Leaders, Librarians, helpers and everything in-between, enthusiastically grabbing the many opportunities that secondary school has to offer them. We had the traditional trip to the Isle of Wight and I am delighted to report that Wilson beat the other Houses in the ever-competitive 'Headhunters' laser quest. I have no doubt that many of 7 Wilson will remember their gallant victory beyond the end of their school days.

They have also been involved in inter-house sporting competitions and there is certainly a feeling that we have quite a few potential sports stars of the future. The crowning achievement for Year 7 was winning the best decorated door for World Book Day – to take the coveted prize on the first time of asking was no mean feat.



Our inter-house exploits in Year 8 this year has been more a case of 'so close but yet so far', including second place in the inter-house netball and lots of hard work attempting to defend our inter-house dance crown, but I have no doubt that 8 Wilson will be back and trying again next year.

9 Wilson have had continual success in inter-house rugby and football, and you can scarcely pick up a copy of the Chichester Observer without reading about some of the latest sporting

escapades of 9 Wilson with a range of talent across track and field – at school level and beyond.

Our Year 10s have really settled down and found their feet this year. They must be one of the most all-round talented groups in the school, especially with their musical prowess. The form were represented in vast numbers at the Charity Week *Battle of the Bands* competition and across a range of musical genres. Many of our Year 10s are already starting to think of life once they leave Luffa; some of 10 Wilson were chosen to visit Oxford University, and all of our students explored their future options when they took part in work experience.

11 Wilson will go down as the group that made doing their GCSEs seem almost easy; despite the amount of hard work and revision they were putting in behind the scenes, they tackled their GCSE year with cool and calm composure. It was very rewarding to see them grow in confidence as the exams approached and see them supporting each other through some challenging times. As a close knit group they now go their separate ways into the world to a range of diverse and interesting locations; some of them we will see again in September, but those who go on to elsewhere – be it college, apprenticeships or the world of work - we wish the best for the future. I look forward to hearing what they get up to in the years to come.

Of course, no piece about Wilson House is complete without mentioning our Christmas Fair in support of the *Friends of the Mombasa Children*. This year we raised nearly £1000 at yet another fantastically attended event supported by many members of the local community.

What unites all of these things – whether it be helping with the craft fair, the willingness to play in inter-house sport, directing the drama or helping our new Year 6s find their feet - is the sense of pride I feel in seeing students in Wilson playing a huge part in the wider school community. Wilson's House motto is 'Wilson means family, and that means no one gets left behind'. Yes, we will have our difficult times, but we will always be there for each other at those challenging moments. What I have been struck by is just how close the relationships are between the students and how supportive and empathetic they are; there is a real sense of House pride and a feeling that we are all looking out for one another. I am proud of all of their achievements, and look forward to being able to celebrate many more successes in the future.

Head of House: Mr Allman

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Gillian Keegan MP visits Bishop Luffa

We were delighted to welcome Gillian Keegan, the MP for Chichester, to our school at the beginning of the Spring term. Mrs Keegan spent some time talking to Freya Jones and Ethan Storey, who are the Year 11 student council members, about life at the school, before joining a Sixth Form A Level Economics lesson.

The Sixth Formers had the opportunity to ask some far reaching questions ranging from the Universal Credit system, Brexit, VAT and child poverty. The students were interested to know what issues should be being addressed and Mrs Keegan said that two burning issues were housing and mental health. Head Teacher Austen Hindman said, "We have been very lucky at Bishop Luffa School to have had two recent opportunities for our students to talk directly with politicians who are involved in the Brexit debate.

"The first was 'Any Questions?', which was broadcast live from our school before Christmas, and now we have had our local MP come into lessons and give a first-hand account of events in Parliament. By being so open and honest, Mrs Keegan has helped to engage our students in the political process. We are very grateful that she gave up her time to come and visit the school."



Burns Night 2019

A fantastic night was had by all at the 2019 Burns Night in January. A total of 127 guests were treated to a fantastic five course meal prepared by professional chef Julie Graham, ably assisted by a number of parents in the kitchen.

A table top magician helped provide entertainment in between courses and a magnificent Address to the Haggis was given by Dr Adrian Hamilton, as well as a beautiful rendition of "Old Willie's Prayer" by James Baird. Mr Hindman gave a fun tribute to Robbie Burns, followed by The Lassies Toast (Simon Tooley) and a Reply on behalf of the Lassies by Nicky Christopher.

To quote one guest *"I don't know how you manage to do it each year, but they just get better and better. This was your best one yet. I'll definitely be back again next year!"*



A Fantastic Harry Potter Book Night

In February the Library team transformed the Library for one night into our very own Hogwarts as part of the International Harry Potter Book Night celebrations. Almost 60 Year 7 and 8 pupils came to take part in *Potions*, *Care of Magical Creatures* and *Defence Against the Dark Arts*, plus a very lively Quidditch practice over-seen by Dumbledore himself.

Pupils could also relax in the Owlery and shop at Honeydukes for magical treats like pumpkin pasties, exploding bonbons, and of course Every-Flavour Beans. The young witches and wizards were sorted into Hogwarts houses and for each activity had the chance to earn points for their house, including a particularly fiendish quiz prepared by Bloomsbury, the publisher of the Harry Potter books.

"Harry Potter Night is on the surface about bringing pupils together to have some fun," said Mrs Regan, Librarian. "But it's also about nurturing a love of stories and literature in our pupils that will last their whole lives, and it's obvious when you look at some of our guests tonight just how magical and life-changing that can be."



A Trip of a Lifetime to Russia

In February 48 GCSE History pupils and six staff went on a six day trip to Russia – a trip which will definitely live long in the memory. As well as being a valuable aid to their studies, the whole experience of visiting Russia was fascinating from beginning to end. This was truly a trip to remember, for so many reasons, and we're sure that the pupils will have memories that linger for many, many years, as will the staff.

Skiing Fun in America

Fourty pupils and four staff were lucky enough to go on a ski trip to Boston, USA over the February half term. They had a fantastic time. "It was great fun, I enjoyed the snow tubing most. At first I felt a bit scared being one of five Year 7s, but by the end of the trip I made lots of new friends and felt like I was part of a big ski family!"



Dreams Come True in Paris

During half term 28 pupils and four staff travelled to Paris to spend a long weekend in Euro Disney, a trip that not only created memories, it created friendships to treasure and made many dreams come true.



Year 10 Work Experience Week

In Year 10 we offer our pupils the opportunity to take part in the Work Experience Scheme. A work experience placement gives our pupils the chance to see what a job is like first hand, to broaden their horizons, develop confidence and learn new valuable life skills.

A placement can help pupils discover the career of their dreams, and identify talents they didn't know they had. Sometimes it can also help them to discover that their dream job isn't quite so 'dreamy' after all. Our Year 10 completed a very successful week in a variety of organisations and roles; Law firms, Architects, Tea rooms, Veterinary Practices, Police Force, Retail, Garages, Aviation, Publishers, Stables, the West End - the list of placements gets more extensive and exciting each year.

Feedback from pupils has been incredibly positive, with many keen to tell us in great detail what their placement entailed. Most have been reassured that their perfect job has been what they expected and more, and that their desire to pursue it as a career has been reinforced. Those who undertook a placement that was not linked to their career aspirations have still returned to school with more confidence, stronger social skills and an awareness of who they are as a person.

We have also received reports from employers who couldn't wait to tell us how excellent our pupils were, how hard they worked whilst on placement, and what a pleasure it had been to work alongside them. Many of the reports received have said how our pupils are a credit to our school, with the words 'polite, helpful, engaged, enthusiastic, positive, professional' littering the references. One employer even told us about a pupil asking to work extra hours to ensure he finished the tasks set him.

However the one of the best reports received ended with 'and he even gave us biscuits'. Nice work Jacob!



A Day at the Opera

Music pupils took an exciting trip to Glyndebourne Opera House to see a performance of the new opera *Agreed*. The opera was about love, loss and divided lands and was composed by Howard Moody. There was a large cast of both adult and children singers, supported by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment with members of the Glyndebourne Youth Orchestra. It was a beautiful production with excellent staging and lighting effects and all the students really enjoyed the experience



Winners of the Magistrates' Mock Trial Regional Heat

After spending months preparing questions, speeches, and witness statements, the Bishop Luffa mock trial team went to the local heat in Worthing, to present their case, competing against three other schools. The team performed very well, presenting strong cases. There was also an opportunity for a Q&A session with law experts including the barrister Shaun Wallace (from *The Chase*) and the High Sheriff of West Sussex.

After a long day the Bishop Luffa team were announced as the winners of the local heat (for the second year in a row!) It was an incredible day, and gave each member of the team many brand new experiences that they will carry for the rest of their lives!

Report by Amenie Groves (10Story)



Much Ado About Nothing

Bishop Luffa's school production of *Much Ado About Nothing* was a great success; well supported by parents and friends and completely sold out on the last night. The audience were very supportive with their laughter and applause. The pupils both on stage and back stage worked incredibly hard and were rewarded by the great sense of achievement that comes with putting on a play. It was wonderful to see over 50 pupils working together so well. Back stage there was a vibrant and excited atmosphere as pupils supported each other and shared their successes and the mistakes they managed to overcome without the audience even realising! We all enjoyed being part of the production and pupils involved will remember this fantastic experience for years to come. Well done to all!





World Book Day Celebrations

World Book Day was celebrated in March with the Library organising a week of activities and events designed to celebrate reading across the school.

Many pupils took part in recycling old books into beautiful bookmarks, book title treasure hunts around the Library and a booky Bake-Off. Staff got involved in a Who? And Where? Competition, wearing badges for pupils to find with either a character or a place on, so pupils could match up the fictional people and where they come from.

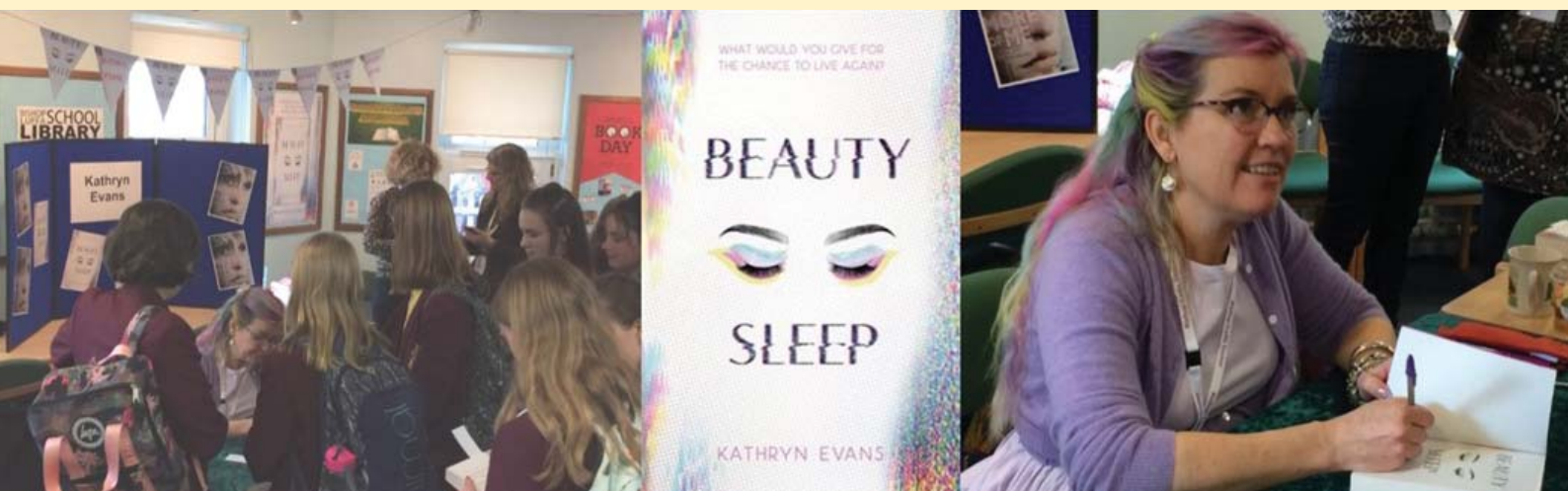
For World Book Day itself pupils and staff transformed classroom and office doors into book covers or designs inspired by stories, with prizes going to 7Story for their enticing entrance to a Secret Garden, 9L2/En for their recreation of the Extinction Trials cover, and 10Wilson for their fantastic, double-sided Hobbit cover.





STEMFest 2019

Digital Leaders and the STEM Club attended Chichester College's STEMFest with Mrs Williams and Mrs Cardus. The aim of the event was to inspire and encourage the scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians of the future, and it certainly did! There were exciting hands-on experiences of the latest innovations in science and technology, including wheel changes, recycling and sustainability challenges, discovering crime scenes, virtual reality, augmented reality and physics workshop. Dougal Rattray (8King) said, "I really enjoyed making the robot out of components" and Evan Williams (8Wilson) was equally enamoured with the day "I now want to get into soldering more things, and will be looking into getting a kit." It was great to see the college students running all the stands and see them working together with our younger pupils.



Author Kathryn Evans inspires our pupils

We were thrilled to welcome author Kathryn Evans into school to speak to some Year 8 and 9 English classes about her new book *Beauty Sleep* and how beauty standards have changed over time, including how they affect young people today. Afterwards pupils had the opportunity to purchase the book and have it signed by Kathryn. Two Year 8 pupils commented that "she was fun to listen to, engaging and gave good advice about growing up". Mrs Watson, Head of English observed: "Our pupils clearly engaged with Kathryn as the level of their questions were impressive and demonstrated just how much they had absorbed what she had taught them. Not only was Kathryn a great example for them of an active reader, she helped them see beyond their preconceived ideas about writing and provided them with a thought provoking experience, finished off with a wonderful reading from the book." Meeting an author can be a life-changing experience for pupils as it allows them to connect with a book more closely and can be a way into reading for pleasure for children who have previously found this challenging.



Launch of Business2Schools Charity

The *Business2Schools* charity was launched at a special event held at Bishop Luffa School. The purpose of the charity is to ensure that businesses send all of their old furniture and IT equipment to schools, so that nothing ends up in landfill. The event was attended by representatives from the businesses who are supporting the project and local Head Teachers and Business Managers.

The charity has been set up by Lindsey Parslow, who has children at Bishop Luffa. Lindsey works in London and was horrified by the amount of high quality furniture and IT equipment that was being sent to landfill sites instead of being recycled. Lindsey now has a register of companies that have pledged to send their unwanted equipment to schools. Her charity provides the connections to the schools themselves and helps to organise delivery.

Bishop Luffa School has been the pilot school for the project. We have been receiving a steady supply of furniture and IT equipment for the last year. This has allowed us to replace desks and chairs across the school with items that cost thousands of pounds new. One frustration for all of us, staff and students alike, is how slow school computers can be. Thanks to *Business2Schools*, we will be able to replace every computer in the building with a higher specification alternative. The project has also provided opportunities for our students to gain work experience. A team of Sixth Formers have helped to set up the website, manage the inventory and even designed the *Business2Schools* logo. When a company donates its equipment to a school, it begins a relationship that brings many other benefits. This scheme will have a positive impact on the environment and on our students.





Students' Sporting Achievements



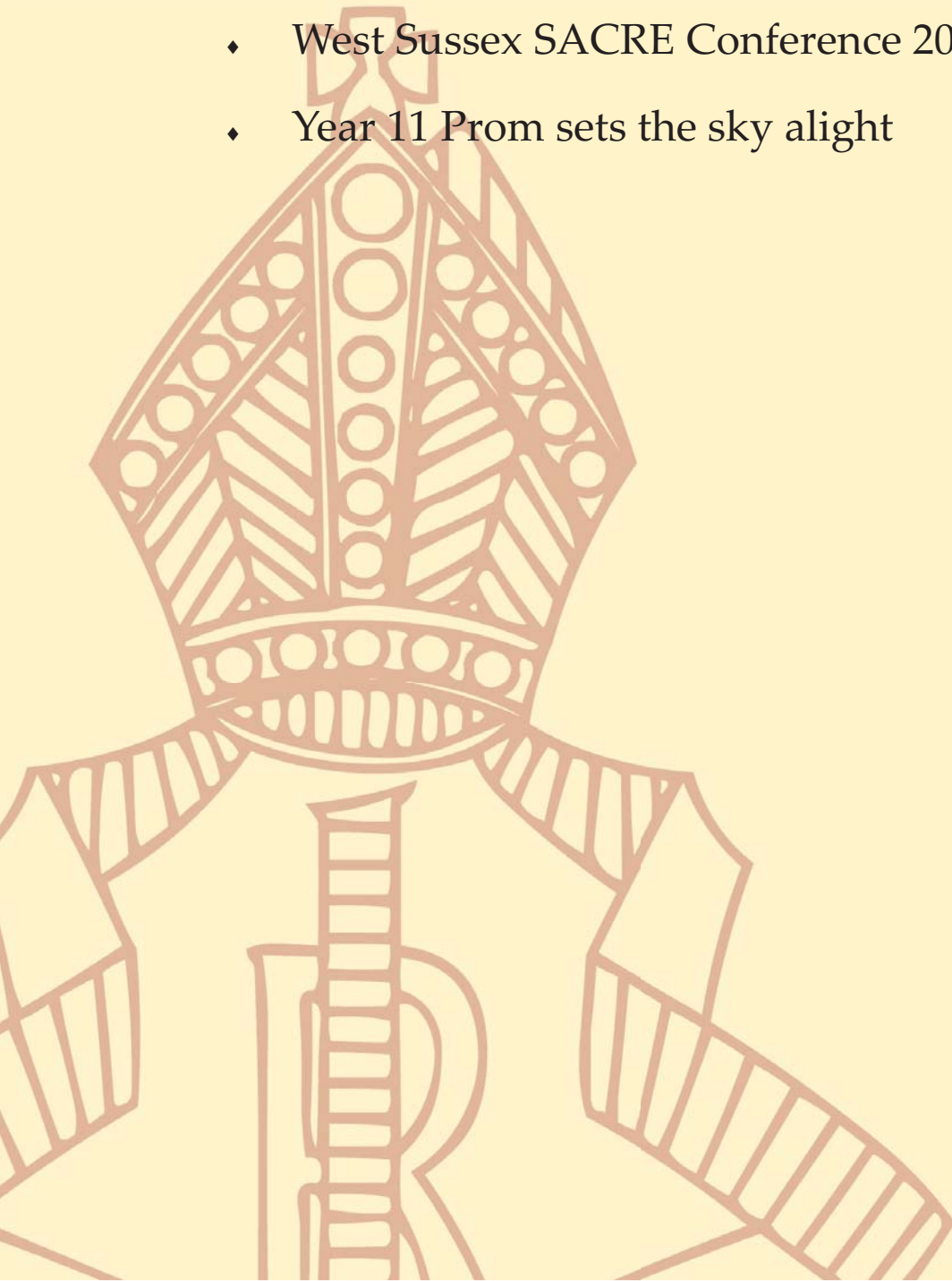




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PFA Grand Raffle Prize Winners announced

The PFA were delighted that the single biggest fundraiser of the year raised over £3,200. Thanks go to all those involved in buying and selling tickets. The individual award goes to George Broad (7Sherborne). George sold a staggering £244 of tickets and really embraced the idea. Judging by the return stubs I think he must have gone to every house in his road - WELL DONE George. The Tutor Group Prize went to George and his fellow classmates in 7Sherborne who had also sold tickets, winning an adventure to Chichester Escape Rooms.



Students attend Thanksgiving Eucharist at Chichester Cathedral

Year 11 and Year 13 students had the opportunity to spiritually reflect on their time at Bishop Luffa School and leaving the school community during a special Thanksgiving Eucharist held at Chichester Cathedral recently. The Reverend Canon Simon Holland conducted the service, with prayers and readings from Mr Hindman and Year 11 and 13 students.

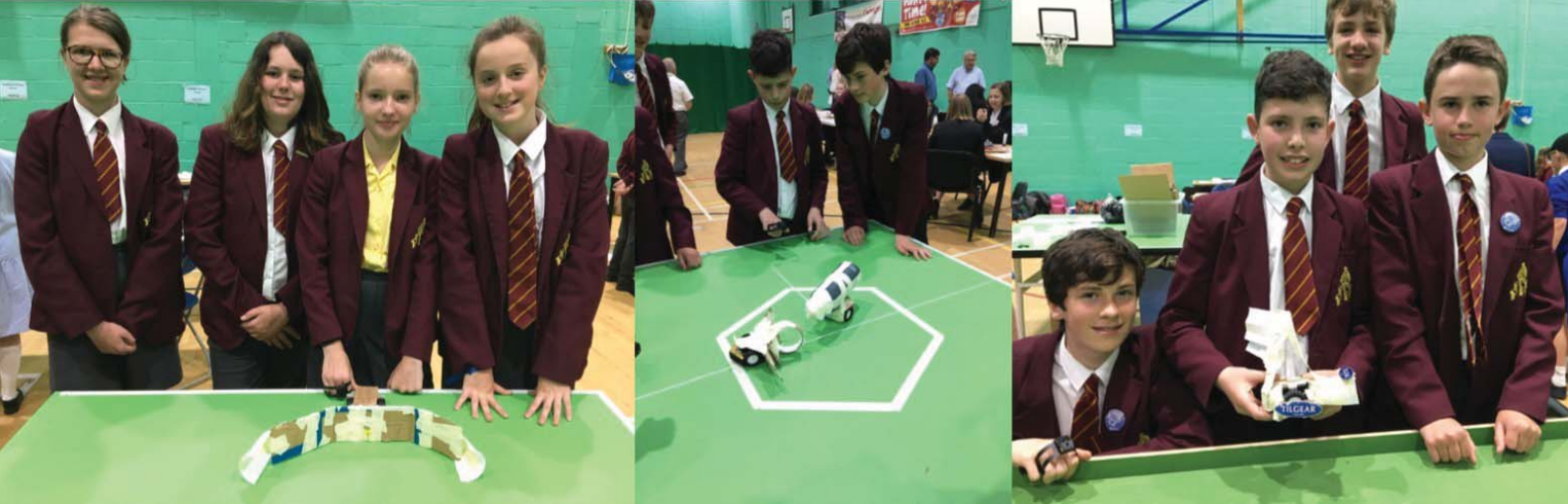


Fruition 2019

The Arts Faculty's annual *Fruition* event was a huge success. Over 200 pupils were involved across all Arts subjects showcasing their talents for their families and friends to enjoy. It was a busy and vibrant celebration of creativity at the school. Throughout the evening visitors were able to wander through the arts spaces to experience a wide range of live performances from dance, drama and music, in addition to the art exhibition, films created by our A-Level and GCSE Media students and the BBC Microbit robot wars! This year the Design and Technology Faculty joined in showcasing some amazing exam pieces by the A-Level and GCSE students.







Inter-Schools STEM Challenge Day

At the beginning of June Bishop Luffa School entered two teams into a STEM day hosted at Bourne Community College. The pupils had a day of fun and interactive hands-on team activities and challenges. These included coding and building radio controlled BattleBots, VEX Robotics Challenges and Virtual Reality racing. The pupils were encouraged to think like an engineer and develop engineering habits of mind such as creative problem solving, collaboration skills and generating and adapting ideas. They also heard from real-life professionals from the engineering sector who shared stories of how they went from school to become experts in their STEM field. Here's what some of our pupils' thought of the day: Alex Wilburn (7Otter), "My favourite part of the day was the VR welding and the robot battle—especially as we got into the finals. I found the engineers' talks really interesting and I found out so much more about what different engineers do. This really has made me want to be an engineer even more." Manka Vecsei (8Wilson) also enjoyed the day, "The STEM engineering and science challenge day was a memorable and fun day with lots of interactive activities to take part in throughout the day. The best part of it for me was programming vex robots which I did successfully. I also enjoyed the panel where two engineers and two scientists told us about their struggles, opportunities and benefits about their jobs."

West Sussex SACRE Conference 2019

In June five Year 9 pupils and ten Year 8 pupils from Bishop Luffa School attended a Youth RE Conference—along with ten other secondary schools from West Sussex—linked to SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee for RE), Chichester Diocese and Bishop Luffa School. The theme of this year's conference, decided by the Year 9 Steering Group, was 'What is the Future of Religion?'. To help pupils develop their own ideas on this topic, they attended seminars from people of different beliefs and faiths, including lectures from a Humanist, a member of the Baha'i faith, and a Christian focus on Spirituality. At the end of the day everyone gathered together to share their opinions on the question and how they might have changed their views across the course of the day.



Report by Lucy Sheldon (9King)



Year 11 Prom sets the sky alight

The Year 11 Prom took place at the end of June with pupils arriving in a wonderful array of vehicles at the start of a magical evening. With *A Night in Paris* as the theme, the Bartlett Hall was transformed ready for the pupils to enjoy a sit down meal, speeches from Mr Hindman and the Year 11 Reps, before dancing the night away. The evening ended with a fantastic firework display on the school field.







Sports Day 2019

Towards the end of the summer term we had a fantastic Sports day—the sun shone and the competitive spirit came out with all the Houses shouting encouragement. Over 20 Sports Day records were broken and the winners were as follows:

- ◆ Year 7: King
- ◆ Year 8: Burrows
- ◆ Year 9: Burrows
- ◆ Year 10: Andrewes
- ◆ Sixth Form: Burrows
- ◆ Overall Winners: Burrows



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SIXTH FORM



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Sixth Form Air Cadets support Orphanage work in Peru

Two Sixth Form students, who are Cadets from 461 (Chichester) Squadron RAF Air Cadets, travelled to South America over the summer holidays for an overseas expedition with a select group of Sussex Wing RAF Air Cadets. Elyot Harmston (12Ridgeway) and Jonty Parkin (13Andrewes) flew to Lima in Peru and then on to Cusco, where they worked at the Azul Wasi Orphanage helping to build a new accommodation block.



Joe's Abseiling Adventure

Fundraising is an important part of Sixth Form life and Joe Cornick (12Burrows) successfully completed an abseil down the side of Arundel Castle, raising over £700 for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.



Sixth Form Fashion Show 2019

Bishop Luffa Sixth Form's 33rd Annual Fashion Show took place in November. It was a great success after months of hard work from Kate Christopher (13Andrewes) and Holly Chapman (13Sherborne), the organisers of the charity event.

The show was supported by a number of local charities and shops supplying the clothes for the Sixth Form students to model. These included CYE, Age UK, Game, Set and Match, Beaver Tool Hire and many more! The students danced to iconic songs in keeping with this year's theme 'A Night at the Movies'.

The motivation behind the Show was to raise as much money as possible for the three Sixth Form Charities—Grassroots, Launchpad and the Sussex Snow-drop Trust. This year the total raised was over £2,000! An outstanding amount, which we are all proud to give to such deserving causes.





Sixth Form Charity Week raises over £3,000

Charity Week is a longstanding Bishop Luffa event led by the Sixth Form. The week involved a series of lunchtime shows, culminating in a whole school Fancy Dress Non-Uniform Day.

An amazing £3,000 was raised during the course of the week for the three Sixth Form charities: Grassroots (a Christian charity that provides support for children internationally, in Tanzania and other third world countries), Launchpad (A new charity, that helps children coming out of the care system to develop skills and find a career path) and The Sussex Snowdrop Trust (a local charity which provides care for families whose children are suffering from life-threatening illnesses). Thanks to Lily Ayling (13Wilson), Caoimhe Harley (13Wilson) and all the Sixth Form committee

for their hardwork in organising this event.







Sixth Formers campaign for Votes at 16

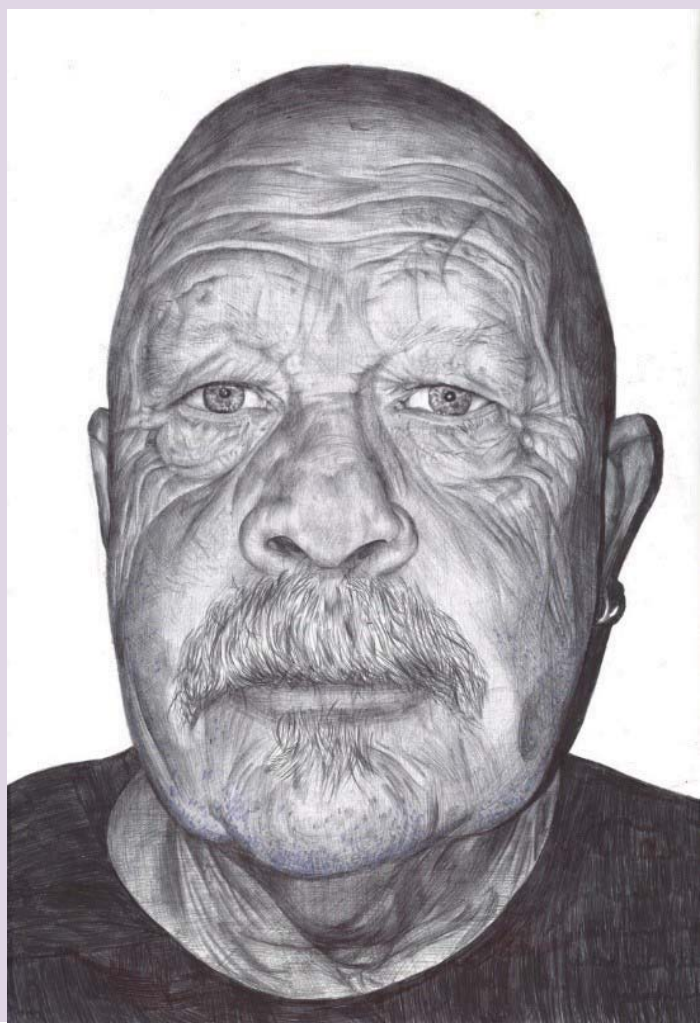
Two of our Sixth Formers – Ellie Roberts (12Wilson) and Dylan Collier (12Story) – have been undertaking some fantastic work on behalf of young people in West Sussex. Last week Ellie and Dylan went to the Palace of Westminster, where they gave a presentation to the British Youth Council as well as various MPs, regarding the work that they have undertaken as part of their roles as Chairperson of the West Sussex Youth Cabinet (Ellie) and Communications Officer for the West Sussex Youth Cabinet (Dylan).

Their presentation focussed around the fact that they had driven the campaign to award **Votes at 16** to our young people and that as part of their campaign, they had debated the motion with the West Sussex MPs. Their arguments were so strong that as a result, the motion was passed. Councillor Louise Goldsmith has now written to Parliament to inform the government that West Sussex now support Votes at 16. This achievement was met with huge applause from the British Youth Council and when the MPs within the room addressed the delegates, they warmly congratulated Ellie and Dylan and asked if they would be willing to be involved in helping to pass the motion in other areas of England. We look forward to hearing more about the campaign in the future.

Art Student's work exhibited by the Royal Society of British Art

We were delighted when a piece of work entered into the RBA Star Students exhibition was selected by the local Arts Society to be entered into the National Competition. The work by Francesca Krum (13Story), a biro drawing of her granddad Rob was chosen by the Royal Society of British Art for this year's Star Students' exhibition at the Royal Over-Seas League (ROSL), and then the RBA's Annual Show at the Mall Galleries, in London.

Frankie is one of only 21 students whose work was chosen out of a field of 247 entries, from 36 Arts Societies. What is even more impressive is that she was in Year 12 when she created this work. We are incredibly proud of her achievement.





Supporting the Grassroots Trust in Tanzania

Twenty-four Sixth Formers spent ten days in Mbeya, Tanzania supporting the work of The Grassroots Trust. During their time in Mbeya they helped with the feeding and milk programme, delivered chickens to the local community, registered new children on to the programme and handed out woollen hats, made by the parents and grandparents in school, and quilts. A very lively church service, football and netball matches gave the students time to have fun with the children.





A Fond Farewell to Year 13

Before the start of the A-Levels the school held a Year 13 Leavers' Breakfast to wish our students all the best in their forthcoming exams and their life beyond Bishop Luffa, whatever they may be doing next year. We also had the opportunity to present cheques for £2,000 each to the Sixth Form House Charities - Launchpad, The Sussex Snowdrop Trust and Grassroots - the money raised this year by the Sixth Form through their various charitable events.

After a hearty breakfast, speeches from Mr Hindman, Mr Saunders and the Sixth Form Committee, together with some 'Awards' the Sixth Formers gathered on the school field for a game of rounders and football before enjoying a well earned ice cream.

It was fantastic to all get together before embarking on their new adventures. Some will be heading off to universities around the country, while others will be undertaking apprenticeships or travelling the world on a gap year. Our best wishes from everyone at Bishop Luffa School.





Year 13 Leavers'
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