



Bishop Luffa School

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

John 10:10

2022-2023



Dear friends of Bishop Luffa School,

I hope that you enjoy reading about another year in the lives of our students. I am certain that you will be impressed by how much they've achieved in school and out of school and how much fun they've had doing it!

Bishop Luffa School is a place of hope, where students are invited to explore their God-given potential. The founders of our school believed that God has a plan for each of us, a plan that we are free to reject, to grumble about, fight against and try to get away from, but ultimately a plan that will make our lives better in every way. They thought that this plan was with all of us, whether we believed in God or not. And by building a school on those values, they thought that they could give students a more meaningful life, a more fulfilled life – the full life that Jesus told us about.

I think that you can see that full life in this yearbook – you'll be exhausted just reading it!

As well as exploring what it means to live 'life in all its fullness', we also explain to our students that everyone matters. Our founders believed this. They, like me, like many of us working here today, thought that there is more to life than just getting by: we believe that each of our students is the most unique and special person on this planet to God: just like everyone else is. That is why everyone matters. And that is why we owe it to ourselves to live the fullest life you can lead.

Our students show that everyone matters every day, in the way they care for each other and their community. When you finish reading, I hope that you feel the same way that I feel at the end of each year at Bishop Luffa School – exhausted but inspired!

Best wishes,

Austen Hindman,
Head Teacher.

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Students celebrate a sparkling set of GCSE results



Bishop Luffa students had an incredible year – they raised almost £50,000 for charity, learnt some Ukrainian, produced a number of stunning music and drama performances, won a debating conversation and played MCC at cricket – oh, and they produced a sparkling set of GCSE results to cap it all off!

Overall, 84% students passed both English and Maths, with an average grade of 5.6 for the whole year

group. 62% students achieved grade 5 or higher in English and Maths. There were some outstanding individual results, including:

- Iona Hamilton, who got grade 9s in all of her GCSEs, and is now studying at the International College in Costa Rica
- Euan Campbell, who also got 9 GCSEs at grade 9, and is staying at Bishop Luffa Sixth Form to study Maths, Further Maths and Computer Science.
- Lucy Campbell (no relation to Euan!) who made it three students with a full set of 9s. Lucy is also staying at Bishop Luffa Sixth Form and will be studying Chemistry, Biology and Maths.



Head Teacher Austen Hindman said: “we are so proud of this year group. There are so many incredible achievements in this set of results. Many students struggled with lockdown and have had to dig deep to be able to sit these exams. We are celebrating so many individual achievements with the students and their families. We all share a relief that the disruption is over and these students are now able to move on with their lives.



“We are so pleased to be celebrating all of the hard work that these students have put in. They are quite a year group!”



An Exciting Start to the School Year

We had a busy start to the school year at Bishop Luffa School. It was wonderful to have all our students back in school and embracing life in all its fullness. This is the biggest that Bishop Luffa School has ever been with 1566 students. We had our biggest Sixth Form ever, with 197 students in Year 12 – and 45 of them come to us from other schools.

We welcomed a lively and confident Year 7 group that are clearly ready for secondary school. They started their first day with us with the tradition of a welcome breakfast in the Bartlett Hall – one of the highlights being their enthusiastic singing! They have already embraced their House identity and the healthy competition that goes with it.

The Year 7s spent the day getting to know their tutor group before Positively YOU gave a great session, showing the students creative approaches to learning, before their first House competition, 'Spaghetti Towers'. The winners were Harry, Max, Bea, Alice and James from Burrows House. Mrs Bagdoniene was naturally delighted!

Mr Topley, Assistant Headteacher, talked to the students about the 'KEY' to living life in all its fullness at Bishop Luffa:

K – be kind to others, and yourself.

E – be extraordinary – be the best version of yourself that you can be.

Y – be you – everyone else is taken! It is important to be true to yourself.

Despite the rain, the school community gathered on Wednesday 7th September for a whole school assembly. This assembly is a tradition of our school and it was amazing to have everyone together – the whole Bishop Luffa family in one place. The assembly was led by Mr Hindman and our school captains, Amy Joyce and Alex Webb, with the opening prayer being read by Ms Sutton, our longest serving member of staff.



Choral Evensong in honour of Queen Elizabeth II

On Saturday 17th September there was a Choral Evensong in honour of Queen Elizabeth II at Chichester Cathedral. Two of Bishop Luffa's Worship Leaders, George Stanbridge, 8Andrewes, and Kathrine Dickeson, 8Otter, accompanied Mr Hindman to this very special service. Many other Bishop Luffa students were there representing uniformed organisations, such as Air Cadets and Scouts.



Racing to Success



On Sunday 18th September, Bishop Luffa School took part in a Greenpower car race at Dunsfold Park. This was the team's first year of racing, but already their car 'Mercury' was challenging in the Kit car class. For large parts of the race it was in second place, ahead of much more experienced teams.

The team finished 3rd and 5th in the two races. The team were Alex Wilburn (11Otter), Seb Cunningham (11Wilson), Johnny Sargent (11Burrows), Sam Goldsmith (11Burrows), Noah Winstanley (11Burrows), Charlie Mealing (9Otter), Jack Gardner (9Otter) and Mr & Mrs Bonney (and their son Harry).

Bognorphenia 2022

Members of the Dynamix Singing Group performed at Bognorphenia Festival in September at Hotham Park in Bognor. They performed an original song written specifically for the event - *I Woke Up on a Friday* by Davy Anscombe (local composer).

The group comprised Tilly Goodband (8Andrewes), Kitty Goodband (8Andrewes), Evie Castle (9King), Jessica Smith (9Burrows), Rachel Osmond (8Andrewes), Hebe Winstanley (9Burrows), Kathy Nightingale (9Burrows), and Laila Fletcher (8Andrewes).

Mrs J Bowen-Melfi, Head of Music



Students support Chichester Food Bank



Chichester District Food Bank (CDFB) opened in September 2012 with support from seven local churches. They provide emergency food parcels for families and individuals in crisis in the Chichester District of West Sussex. The area they cover includes Chichester city, as well as major rural communities in Selsey, Petworth, Midhurst and surrounding villages.

The impact of the cost of living crisis is affecting all areas of our lives currently and we need to continue to stand united with those who are struggling at this time. In the last year

2021-2022 the Trussell Trust reported another significant jump in people claiming an emergency food parcel. As part of our outward Christian ethos we are always looking at how we can enable our students to help those around them live life in all its fullness. Food is a basic need which when not met means life gets very difficult.

As a whole school we came together on Friday 7th October for our fourth annual Food Bank Appeal. It was incredible, yet again, to see so many students bringing in a donation and many donating several items. For example, while they may not weigh much, we had a big bag full of toothbrushes, sanitary items and a crate full of toothpaste! All of these items, along with all the food, go a long way in the winter to helping those in need in our district.

Mrs R Bradberry, Worship Coordinator





Open Evening 2022

We were delighted to welcome parents, carers and prospective students to our Open Evening in October 2022. We had a fantastic time showcasing all the fantastic things that happen at Bishop Luffa School. Students were available in each department to share all the opportunities they have in their learning at the school. We also opened our doors each morning for a week, with students showing visitors around on a normal school day.



Go Green Week 2022

We had great fun celebrating Go Green Week! The highlights were:

Monday

The week got going with an enthusiastic Year 7 litter pick and meat-free, plastic-free lunch boxes! Students received points for bringing in vegetarian, plastic-free pack lunches and water bottles in order to reduce waste. During break over 30 Year 7s collected litter from around the school in a competition to get the most. Ridgeway took the lead - receiving Tony's Chocolonely- closely followed by the other Houses. After school a group of Sixth Formers took on the classroom recycling, saving 12kg from landfill in one day.



Tuesday

Batteries, old-school uniforms and clothes were collected for donation and use later in the week. The action continued with lunchtime recycled art and outdoor clubs. A creative bunch made 3D butterflies out of recycled bottles, reusing old materials to make something colourful, whilst the gardening team gave the Quiet Area some much needed attention. After school students had the opportunity to bring their old clothes to an upcycle workshop in the textiles department.

Wednesday

As the collections continued, students were encouraged to find environmentally friendly ways of getting to school, scoring eco-points for walking, cycling, taking public transport and lift sharing. Wednesday lunchtime saw the second return of Bishop Luffa's bike-powered karaoke with students, Mr Bonney and Mrs Ockwell performing, not a cable in sight! Meanwhile a groups of unfortunate Sixth Formers had an entertaining time sorting through the donations for Thursday's swap shop. In the afternoon the upcycle workshop continued.

Thursday

On the final day of Form time clothes donations were high. Many students donated fab eco-themed bakes for a lunch-time sale where students were invited to guess the carbon footprint of common ingredients, some may think twice about using butter again! After school Bishop Luffa's first swap shop opened where all manner of clothes were swapped by students eager to swap, making their wardrobes not only more fashionable but sustainable.



Friday

On the Friday finale we saw Bishop Luffa's finest up-cycled fancy dress and second hand fashion with Amelie Mead (8Andrewes), Leila Fletcher (8Andrewes), Karol Opielinski (8Andrewes), Florence Cullen (7King), Isaac Siddle (9King), Tom Spencer (13Wilson), Sophie Williams (9Otter) and Hannah Beech (8Story) winning prizes in the fancy dress competition.

Tom Spencer (13Wilson)

First World War Battlefields History Trip

On Friday 14th October, 64 students and seven staff departed on a History visit to the First World War Battlefields of Belgium and France. We headed to Ypres, and started at Essex Farm, visiting the grave of a 15 year old who volunteered at 14 – an immediate introduction to the tragedy of war. We then visited Tyne Cot cemetery, the site of nearly 12,000 British & Commonwealth burials, the majority unnamed. Sophie Williams (9Otter) laid a wreath on behalf of the School, and a moment's reflection, and reading of 'In Flanders Fields' marked the solemnity of the occasion. Then it was a visit to Langemark German Cemetery, where a mass grave of approx. 24000 troops was shocking statistic to consider. After a meal at a local restaurant, we attended the Last Post service at the Menin Gate, where Mr Jackson and two students laid another wreath on behalf of the School.



The next morning saw a day on the French battlefields, after a visit to Hill 62. Here the museum was fascinating, and the preserved trenches a quite exceptional way to picture, as far as we could, the horrors of trench life. (The tunnels being especially claustrophobic). We then proceeded to Lochnagar Crater, a huge hole created on the 1st day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. Then it was on to Beaumont Hamel, and the Newfoundland Memorial. The surviving trenches really highlighted the dangers faced by the troops, and signs warning of unexploded ordnance emphasised the impact of war, even today. We then visited the immense memorial at Thiepval, and an overwhelming list of names of those with no known grave. On our return journey to Ypres we visited two smaller cemeteries to mark individuals that myself, and then Alyce Turnbull (9Sherborne) wished to commemorate. These moments helped emphasise the personal loss associated with war.



Sunday morning saw a visit to Lijssenthoek, where Sam Holben (9Andrewes) laid a wreath at the grave of his Great Great Grandad. The story of his family's experience of war was one of real tragedy, and the wreath laying was a moment of great solemnity. Also in the cemetery was the grave of a nurse killed in war, which many sought out. After this sombre visit, it was off to the Tunnel via a French hypermarket.

It was a tired group that returned to School on Sunday evening, but I know that they had the chance to see some important sites, and also have a good time with their friends. After so many missed opportunities due to lockdown, I am sure that this visit had extra significance.

The students were a credit to the School, well-behaved, thoughtful, mature, and on time when given timings to meet! They showed that the future of commemoration is in safe hands, and when we study the First World War, it won't just be photos in a book, but real people, and real places.

Mr J Barnett, Head of Humanities

Bishop Luffa marks Armistice Day



At 11am on the 11th November, Bishop Luffa School fell silent to mark the Armistice. The whole School came together to remember those who served, and all of those affected by the horrors of war, an event with extra poignancy this year due to events in Ukraine, and the presence in our School community of Ukrainian students and staff. A short, formal service of commemoration brought the School together in prayer and reflection, with readings by the Head, Mr Bonney, Mrs Bradberry, our School Captains (Alex Webb & Amy Joyce), and Reverend Paul Collins. A wreath laying ceremony and the Last Post (ably played by Mr Goldsmith) preceded the customary two minutes silence. An honour guard of students wearing the uniforms of different organisations they are part of, helped illustrate the solemnity of the occasion. To mark the end of the service, Alex Webb blew a whistle used in the trenches, to provide a tangible link to those who fought all that time ago. With recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the conflict in Ukraine, and other conflicts around the World, it is clear that such events are as timely as always, as well as providing an enduring link to the horrific events of times past. The students were exemplary in their behaviour, and show a clear understanding of why such events, and remembrance more generally, matter to the School, and the country at large.



Mr J Barnett, Head of Humanities

A Trip to Twickenham



In November Mr Hill and Mr Blewitt took a group of ten KS3 and KS4 students to Twickenham as part of the Autumn Series.

The group saw an amazingly close match between England and Argentina that finished 30-29 to Los Pumas. Despite the score line everyone left with a smile on their face and some with a commemorative scarf as a reminder of the trip.

Bishop Luffa go to the English Schools National Swimming Finals

On Saturday 19th November Hannah Day (10Ridgeway), Trinity Feaver (10Story), Eloise Joubert (9Burrows) and Libby Johnson (9Sherborne) competed in the intermediate girls freestyle medley at the London Aquatics Center. This is only the second time the school has qualified for the National Final.

The girls' came second in the Sussex Swimming Championships with the 19th fastest time in the country which led them to qualifying for the National Finals. On the day the girls' performed many personal bests in a very competitive field. The girls' showed great resilience in a tough field, experiencing the outstanding facilities in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and a memory that will remain with them forever.



Mr T Godfray, Team Leader PE

ESU's School's Mace



Bishop Luffa Debating Society entered the English Speaking Union (ESU)'s Schools' Mace competition, which is the oldest and largest debating competition for schools.

The first round of the competition was in November. Our team was told to prepare a debate opposing the following motion: ***This house would ban the use of digital manipulation in advertising, including social media ad content.***

In the lead up to the event the team researched the key issues, wrote speeches and practised the debate. The team we were opposing didn't attend the debate.

Whilst this was hugely disappointing as our team had put so much time and energy into preparing, the good news was that we automatically went through to the next round, which took place in January.

The ESU judge allowed the students to present what they had prepared and gave feedback, which was overwhelmingly positive. Ben Webster (10Sherborne) was told his presentation was 'near perfect'. The students involved were Alex Gyopos-Cooke (12Wilson), Joel Blamire (10Wilson), Ben Webster (10Sherborne), Rupert Reddington (10Otter), Ella Saxton (12Sherborne), Grace Zheng (10Ridgeway), Isla Dodson-Richi (10Story) and Hannah Carr (10Sherborne).

Mrs J Sherlock, 2nd in charge of English

Careers Fair 2022



Bishop Luffa hosted its annual Careers Fair with approximately 50 exhibitors attending. All students were given the opportunity to visit the Careers Fair throughout the day where they met and talked to a vast range of employers and education/training providers including Ernest Young, Pallant Chambers, Creations Hair and Beauty, NJS Scaffolding, Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Chichester College, Bath University, Sussex University and many more. Students asked the exhibitors lots of interesting questions about academic and vocational subjects, the benefits of studying an EPQ at Sixth Form, apprenticeships, GCSE options,

recruitment processes and much more. A particular highlight with students this year were the team from Border Force, who kept the students enthralled with their interesting facts and stories. Once again, exhibitors commented on how engaged, polite and well-mannered the students were.

Mrs A Hopp, Careers & Enterprise Coordinator



Connect Bake Off Competition: Create a Gingerbread Nativity Scene

Fondant icing, gold edible glitter and shredded wheat as hay bales? It could only mean one thing: on a cold Friday morning in December, Bake Off was back and the competition was on to win the golden Bake Off rolling pin trophy! In our Christmas technical challenge students were asked to create a gingerbread nativity scene. The results were stunning.



Reverend Paul Collins, Mr Hindman and Mrs Bradberry judged the entries on the quality of the gingerbread taste, texture and bake and crowned Amelie Mead (8 Andrewes) Star Baker. The judges praised the snap in her gingerbread biscuit and the warmth of the spices which had a delicious ginger zing. Congratulations to Amelie on her excellent bake. All the judges highly praised the creativity, innovation and excellent detail of Jennifer Fitzgerald (9 Story) and Hayley Martin's (9 Wilson) gingerbread nativity which was exceptional.

Mrs R Bradberry, Faith and Worship Leader

News from Design & Technology

Year 7 were busy learning new skills and gaining confidence in hand tools, machinery and digital equipment during their first term in Bishop Luffa's Design and Technology Faculty, whilst Year 8 and 9 continued to grow their D&T skills and knowledge. Here's a roundup of their projects:



- ◇ Year 7 Product Design made a USB lighting prototype using resistant materials and an electronic kit.
- ◇ Year 8 Product Design designed and made a stylish clock using resistant materials and a clock mechanism.
- ◇ Year 9 Product Design designed and made a stylish angle pose lamp clock using resistant materials.
- ◇ Year 10 Product Design designed and made a stylish Chocolate Box, learning the properties of paper and card in a graphical way, whilst making moulds using resistant materials.
- ◇ Year 7 Textiles made a doll whilst learning new found skills within the Textiles studios.
- ◇ Year 8 Textiles made a cushion cover whilst developing their skills in tie-dye, stencilling and patch work.
- ◇ Year 9 Textiles made a bag linked to a researched study of a culture.

Mr J Bonney, Head of Design Technology

German Gingerbread Challenge



In their Languages lessons, Year 7 students studied German in the Autumn term. As we entered the festive season, students were enjoying learning about how Christmas is celebrated in Germany.

All over Germany, adults and children alike will be enjoying the Christmas markets which take place from the beginning of December right up until 23rd

December. At these wonderful markets there are always stalls selling decorated gingerbread treats or Lebkuchen as they are known locally. Making and decorating gingerbread is a Christmas tradition in many German families. Our Year 7 students were given the challenge to research a traditional Lebkuchen recipe and bake their own gingerbread biscuits at home. They then brought their delicious home baked treats into school and had an hour of fun decorating them in true German style. Our 'in house' judges then had the challenge of identifying the winning entries! You can see that the results were not only amazingly creative but also, as our judges Mr Vann and Mr White can verify, completely delicious! Well done Year 7!

Mrs D Williams, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages and Head of German

Bishop Luffa Strikes Gold

The RE Department has successfully achieved the Gold RE Quality Mark. The RE Quality Mark has two purposes: it recognises high quality RE, particularly those schools which are providing their learners with authentic experiences and contributing to



whole school outcomes, and in addition, it provides a powerful tool for development. As part of the process the quality of teaching and learning, curriculum and leadership are assessed.

The assessor noted in their report that: *'RE is well integrated into the whole school curriculum and there are some interesting cross curricula links and trips. Gaining knowledge of religions is important in the school and learners progress well as assessment is a particular strength. KS5 provision should be especially applauded. RE at the school contributes to the development of English citizens.'*

As a team, we are delighted to have received this award and are grateful for the continued hard work and enthusiasm of the wonderful students we teach.

Mrs C Duke, Team Leader RE

Autumn Term Charity Events

There were lots of charity events taking place during the Autumn term. Burrows House held a Bake Sale raising £83.88 for their House charity. The event was organised by Burrows captains and led by Year 9 and 10 students.



As Dementia UK is Story House's charity, they wanted to actively support those who suffer with this terrible disease. With that in mind, a small group of Story students headed to Pinewood Care home on Friday 9th December to spread some festive cheer to the residents. Mrs Charge, Head of Story House said, "after a few weeks of practicing both traditional Christmas carols and popular Christmas songs we were ready to entertain! All the students sang with gusto, and bells and shakers were played with enthusiasm. As much as the students enjoyed themselves, the biggest privilege was the reaction of the residents - some joined in, others smiled and we even had some dancing in the corner. None of this would have been possible without Mrs Bowen-Melfi who kindly organised and played the music for us, so we send her a huge thank you. I now hope that we can build on this and hope in subsequent years to be able to reach out to more care homes or organisations that support and care for those with dementia."



Story House held their annual Elf Day raising over £600 for their House Charity Dementia UK. The money raised will go towards helping those suffering with dementia, and their families. They raised the money by dressing up in elf related clothing, selling Elf hats, selling raffle tickets to win a large Elf toy and other goodies, and they ran a Christmassy bake sale.



Christmas with the Music Department at Bishop Luffa



The Bishop Luffa Choir and School Band were very busy in December. Both groups performed at the Carol Service at Chichester Cathedral, which always provides a memorable evening for students, staff, parents and carers alike. The Choir was directed by Jane Bowen-Melfi, with the School Band conducted by Matthew Bennett. We were very grateful to Edward Cooke, who played the organ again for us this year. We are hoping he continues when his children have left the school!

The School Band and Choir also performed at The Cross, helping to raise funds for local Rotary charities. Although it was cold, the students drew a large crowd. This was a great opportunity for Bishop Luffa students to perform to a different audience and they had a great time.

Mrs J Bowen-Melfi, Head of Music



Students at Bishop Luffa School are supported by a strong House system, with each House having a distinctive identity. Read on to find out what each House has been up to this year.



Andrewes House



This year seems like a normal year - trips are running and there has been no major upset, apart from the computer virus, oh, and the strike days...OK, maybe not back to normal actually.

Our Year 7 managed a fantastic few days away on the Isle of Wight, having lots of fun and giving Burrows a good whopping at Laser tag in the woods! (as usual.)

During the year, Andrewes have raised nearly £200 for the Chichester Downs Syndrome Association by wearing odd socks. Even some of our pets joined in yet again!

We have also taken part in lots of inter house competitions and done well and we look forward to winning the Inter House Sports Cup - at the time of writing this we are standing in seventh place with some inter house competitions and Sports Day still to go! Hmmm, maybe a bit of a long shot.

We put on a fantastic House Drama production of a Michael Morpurgo book - *Private Peaceful* and made it to the Finals. Spencer Dixon (12An) and Tess Langford (12Wi) were the directors and managed an all star cast made up of students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. They all worked very hard and created a First World War story that had us all there with them!



Our House captains, Oliver Appleby, Hannah Bacon, Max Holben, Molly Howick and Max Sydenham have been a great help and have delivered assemblies and visited the Andrewes tutor groups.

They also orchestrated the House charity odd sock event - which included the whole school. A big thank you to them.

I think that's about it for this crazy year. There are many other achievements from individual students in sailing, LAMDA, music, cricket and other things like the

Coronation cake making, Fruition and inter house competitions. I am sure I speak on behalf of the Andrewes staff and students when I say we have ended the term exhausted. All students in Andrewes House, this year, have shown kindness and consideration to others and have made me and the tutor team extremely proud. At the time of writing, we are running in first place for the House cup, but I don't want to count my chickens and so I will wrap it up there.

As we enter the summer, I pray that we will all get a full re-charge, realign our focus and smash September!

Mr Rob Goldsmith, Head of Andrewes House
<https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/house-pages/andrewes/>

Head of House: Mr Goldsmith

Burrows House

If you believe, you can achieve!



Welcome to Burrows House, which is truly 'Shining Bright like a Diamond'! Burrows House is different, as are all the Houses, but it's this House that really puts the 'B' in Bishop Luffa.

According to Mrs Massey's 'An Ode to 11Burrows', they have been the best form ever; they have been friendly, polite and absolute pleasure to lead. They are talented bunch, with those who sail, ice skate, dance and play music.

Mr Clarke shared his thoughts in a creative way too. If you read the first letter from each line, that'll tell you who the wonderful tutor group is.

There are times, as a form tutor, when I can scarcely believe how privileged I am.
Energy, passion, and determination bursting from every person in the room.
No matter the obstacles they face, they try their best and participate in many, many things.
But we are not without challenges, and sometimes a moment to reflect is good for us all.
Uniform, jewellery, equipment, is your tie done up? Shirt tucked in?
Respect for themselves, respect for each other, and respect for their classmates is huge here.
Respect, not just for the people they work with, but for the School and community they belong to.
Oh what a joy it has been, to be part of their lives across the last two years.
What an honour it will be, to be by their sides through Year 11, as uniform school comes to an end.
Stacks of memories still to be made, and many more to hold ever dear.



Our Year 9 students have been role models for students across the school. They have demonstrated exceptional levels of commitment, leadership and resilience. They are always working their hardest to help Burrows and the school achieve their visions and values. I am proud to say 9 Burrows embody the Burrows motto 'if you believe, you can achieve.'

Mr Bravo's thoughts about 8 Burrows are incredible too: 'Being your form tutor this year has been a blast! You're such a cool and unique bunch. Your kindness and thoughtfulness towards each other make me smile every day. I love how you've created a supportive and friendly space where everyone feels valued.'

This is how Mr Hunter summarises the year with his form: 'Where did that year go ...? It barely seems possible that we in

7Burrows were nervously gathering to start our first day at Bishop Luffa last September. Not that we needed to be nervous, so many good things have happened. The Isle of Wight residential trip was fun. Face-to-face, online, and outdoor assemblies were new, as were inter-house competitions and charity events. So much has happened at school that we have struggled to make time for other activities but somehow, we have done amazing things in sports like football, rugby, cricket and sailing, also in drama and dance and scouts and guides. At the end of Year 7 we can look back over the year with pride and look forward to the new term with excitement, knowing that we are ready for the next stage ... and that we will no longer be the youngest students in the school.'



Mrs Rasa Bagdoniene, Head of Burrows House

<https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/house-pages/burrows/>

Head of House: Mrs Bagdoniene



King House

Success Through Practice

It has been a year of great learning and progress for 7King. The students' personalities shine through every day and they have battled through the challenges of their first year and achieved a great deal. They always try to follow the school motto of '*always our best because everyone matters*', not only in school but outside of school as well. This was evident in 7King's performance in the interhouse dance competition, finishing 2nd overall. Many students have taken part in extracurricular activities including LAMDA, PE and Design technology to name a few, immersing themselves in everything Bishop Luffa offers.

What a fantastic year 8King have had taking part in House Dance and drama events, including House Drama which King House went on to win. We have had many sporting successes in football, tennis, rugby and netball as a tutor group. We have had individual success within our tutor group too with regards to sport; from winning county football leagues, to competing in triathlons and National Firefly Championships. All our tutor leaders did a fantastic job this year- thank you! A special thanks to all those involved in preparing for our Strawberry Tea event, who attended council meetings, and those who led collective worship both inside and outside of school.



It has been a great year for 9 King. Several students were involved in the brilliant performance of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*. It was strong year for House Drama performances and it was a well-deserved win. Our Form Tutor Reps have been busy this year, representing the views of the tutor group in their meetings and being involved in a wide range of activities. Many of the tutor group are active in sports both in and outside of school. With so many impressive sporting achievements, we are looking forward to Sports Day and hopefully continuing our success after winning as a House last year!

10 King have had a packed year! We have been starting to think about what we will be moving onto after Year 11, with some students visiting Chichester college to experience some course taster sessions. Outside of the classroom, we have glimpsed into the world of work as we completed our work experience week. We also completed our mock interviews by real employers and Enterprise Day activity of entrepreneurship skills, both aimed at building experience and interest in the wider world of work. 10King have been competing in a number of inter-house events, including sports and interhouse drama. Somehow on top of that, many of our students have completed bronze or silver DoE awards, dance and ballet performances and exams, gymnastics competitions, tennis tournaments, rugby and football seasons and Scouting awards!

After an extraordinary five years, 11 King have completed their GCSE exams and finished their uniformed journey at Bishop Luffa. This year has seen them tackle the challenge of exams with great fortitude. They each now take on the next stage of their lives. Some are off to college or apprenticeship placements; many will return to Bishop Luffa in September as Sixth Form students. Wherever their lives take them, whatever challenges they face, I am hugely proud of the young adults they are becoming. As a group they are compassionate and principled, inquisitive and driven. They will all be missed.

Miss Kate Hurry, Head of King House

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Head of House: Miss Hurry

Otter House

Believe, Achieve and Succeed



What an outrageously outstanding year it's been for our amazing bevy of Otters. We have seen the Year 7s settle into Luffa life with energetic verve and waved a bittersweet goodbye to Year 11s through the tear-jerker that is their leavers' assembly, climaxing with the highlight of the season, the Prom. I started at Bishop Luffa the year before this Year 11 cohort, so it was phenomenally special to have seen an entire wave of children pass through; how fast the years fly.

As ever, Otters have shown tremendous amounts of business enterprise in the Otter House charity fundraiser for Macmillan - the big Valentine's Day roses sale in February - expertly led by Mrs Christie and her Year 11s, which this year branched out to roses for Mothering Sunday. Ms Barnett and Year 8 took charge of this new start-up and were great at the advertising, the sales patter, the delivery of the roses and even managed to work the card reader machine while the internet was down during the cyber attack! There are plans in the pipeline for even further expansion to Father's Day and beyond...



Year 7 were fortunate enough to experience the Luffa rite of passage that is the Isle of Wight trip - a success, as ever, with Laserquest, bowling and animal sanctuary visits. It's always a great team building experience which Mr Thompson and I thoroughly enjoyed.

At the time of writing, it is looking likely that Otter House may scoop up the inaugural Maths Sparx Cup, so we are crossing everything for first place. House Drama saw a healthy number of Year 7 and Year 9 Otters act their hearts out in *Missing Dan Nolan*, ably led by our honorary Otter, Rudi Millard in Year 12. We have also had a record number of

Otters compete in the Schools Sailing Week in Itchenor. It was blowing a hoolie, so a huge well done to our sailors Tom Mealing, Benjy Gardner, Jack Gardner, Ollie Mills, George Long, Charlie Mealing and Ethan Hill.

I have also had the pleasure of working closely with the Year 12 House Captains Natasha Ellis and Olivia Ebbutt, who have stepped up every time I have needed them, from presenting in House assembly and helping at events, to revamping the display board.

A few Otters are worth celebrating individually. In sailing, Isla Hill 8Ot had a brilliant 4 days of sailing at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy for the GB selection trials, qualifying for one of the development squads. In mountain biking, Theo Ellis, also in 8Ot, has secured a place in the pro mountain biking development team - one of 5 children in the UK and the youngest on the team. Theo has been traveling around the country, competing in Scotland and Wales. Harry Kearsley 7Ot has won first prize in a short story competition, Integer, where entrants were asked to take inspiration from numbers in the world around them and create a story. And finally, Marcus Irvine-Smith 7Ot has been leading a coding club at his alma mater, Birdham Primary.



Otter House is a warm and caring House to be at the helm of, not least because of the Otter Tutors. I am very lucky to have them by my side in the rough, tumble and wins of daily life. I can't wait for another year, with the older Otters guiding and supporting their younger counterparts, making sure we remain otterly amazing.

Mrs Jas Stone, Head of Otter House

<https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/house-pages/otter/>

Head of House: Mrs Feakins-Taylor & Mrs Stone

Ridgeway House



Wow, what another busy year it has been for all of us in Ridgeway House. We have seen our Year 7s settle well into school life here and have said goodbye to our Year 11s too through their leavers' assembly (with embarrassing photos) and then climaxing in the much-anticipated Year 11 Prom.

October meant the traditional Year 7 Isle of Wight residential. As ever, this was a hugely rewarding experience for our new Year 7s giving them the chance to make new friends and bond with each other whether this was running around in the woods or darting through LaserQuest. The students were impeccably behaved throughout.

This year I have been ably supported by Amelie McGurk and Alice Pendry our Year 12 Ridgeway House Captains. They have been a continuous support, from running charity events and assemblies, to House Drama and keeping the display board up-to-date.

December saw us undertake our annual Reindeer Run raising money for Chestnut Tree House, our House Charity. Students donned the usual red noses and antlers and completed laps of the playground; we actually managed to get outside this year! Thanks to everyone who took part. In total we raised in excess of £250 for which the students deserve all the credit. December ended with our other annual event – the Rotary Club Shoebox Appeal which collates much needed gifts for disadvantaged children in places such as Albania,

Moldova, Montenegro and Romania plus children stranded in Refugee Camps. Along with other local schools, more than 250 shoeboxes were filled and delivered in time for Christmas. Again, many thanks to the generosity of our students and their families; it is very humbling and epitomizes our Christian ethos.



As part of long-standing Luffa tradition, we announced our House Colours for Year 10s in our final House assembly and awarded them with some commemorative certificates and colourful badges which they will wear with pride. We also awarded Subject Colours which were also humbly received – well done to those for that. This is very well deserved and is a significant achievement for any Luffa student.



In July, the newest members of the Luffa family joined us for Induction Day. Year 6 spent a day getting to know their new peers in their allocated Houses. We very much look forward to welcoming the new Year 7s to Ridgeway in September.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the Ridgeway tutors – they have been an ever-present positive influence in the lives of Ridgeway students and they deserve much of the credit for the successes of Ridgeway House. I genuinely could not do my job without them.

Mr James Vann, Head of Ridgeway House

<https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/house-pages/ridgeway/>

Head of House: Mr Vann

Sherborne House

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



This has been a highly successful year for Sherborne House with a number of students truly living up to the House motto of “inspire, challenge and achieve from when we start until we leave.” Notable Sherborne highlights included:

- Libby Johnson (9Sh) had major success at the Sussex County Swimming Championships, representing Chichester Cormorants in the 50m and 100m Butterfly. Libby finished a commendable 2nd in the finals for both races and also achieved a silver medal for the 50m and a Bronze medal for 100m in the overall Championship for Butterfly.
- Henry McPhilemy (10Sh) was selected for the London Irish Under 16 Rugby Academy. This is an outstanding achievement and we wish Henry all the best as he looks to develop his passion for Rugby further.
- Matty Mainwaring (8Sh) successfully juggled his school studies while spending a day a week at the Brighton Football Academy and captaining their U13s side. Matty also finished 2nd in the Area Cross Country Championships held at Bishop Luffa.
- The school Chess team played in a tournament at Chichester High School with Jacob Carr (12Sh) and Vishal Leo Thomas (8Sh) representing Sherborne with much success.
- Olivia Czopek (8Sh) followed up her performing arts achievements (graded with Distinction by LAMDA) over the past year by winning the Richard Plowman Cup for Public Speaking in an outstanding effort.
- Jake Horler (8Sh) attended the annual Boys Dance Platform at the University of Chichester performing a commended space themed routine to Sam Ryder’s *Space Man*.
- As part of the Bishop Luffa Debate Team who entered the ESU Schools’ MACE, Ella Saxton (12Sh) and Ben Webster (10Sh), successfully made it through to the regional finals. Ben Webster (10Sh) received special praise and was told his presentation was ‘near perfect’.



Sherborne were incredibly proud of this year’s House Drama production of *Beauty and the Beast* directed by Hope Robinson, Ella Saxton, Karina Yuen & Lucia Morgan-Salgado (all 12Sh). Maintaining the strong tradition of Drama & Theatre success in Sherborne, we reached our 4th competition finals in a row.

Owen Potts and Dexter Sammut (both 9Sh) won the Sherborne House raffle for the highest House Point achievers across the Winter and Spring terms respectively. Both invested their winning vouchers in reading material.

8 Sherborne were the most successful individual tutor group fund raisers over the past year for Feeding Futures, the Sherborne House Charity which focuses on development of schools and communities in rural Kenya, raising almost £100 through a series of bake and ice lolly sales.

Mr Tristen George, Head of Sherborne House
<https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/house-pages/sherborne/>

Head of House: Mr George



Story House

7 Story started their year with a fantastic trip to the Isle of Wight which is a great opportunity for students to have some independence, make friends in the tutor group and in our sister House Wilson, and to have some fun. The students enjoyed learning archery, playing ten pin bowling and head hunters (came second) and singing loudly on the coach trips. Year 7 have been studying lots of different subjects this year and immersed themselves in lots of activities and clubs, both in and out of school.

It has been another busy year for 8 Story, as they truly settle into school life at Bishop Luffa. The year began with a trip to the Winchester Science Centre. As the year has progressed many of the students have been heavily involved with school inter-house and extra-curricular activities including the school's Drama opportunities and played important roles in the school production, Fruition and House Drama, as well as, attending drama, singing and music clubs. On a sporting front 8Story has been very active in representing the school and taking part in clubs and inter-house competitions.

Having settled into life at school in Years 7 and 8 following a turbulent start due to the pandemic, 9Story have matured noticeably this year and have clearly grown in confidence. 9Story are also a sporty bunch and have had success in inter-house sports, as well as representing the school in a number of disciplines.



Over the course of this year 10Story have had many events from work experience, to interview days, mock exams and trips. This year has been one that has shown how resilient 10 Story can be and how much hard work and perseverance pays off. Outside of academia many of 10 Story have been involved in House Drama again this year, as well as lots of sporting activities outside of school.

11 Story, we made it! Watching you at prom was a lovely way to end our time together. Yes, you are all fantastic, but far more satisfying was that you all showed your individuality and your personalities shone through. It's finally time to let your hair down, enjoy this time before you go on to further study, work, or a combination of the two. You have worked hard these last two years, but in reality, you have been preparing for this for the last five.

We had a large intake of students joining the Sixth Form from other schools and 12Story have all settled in well. Both Year 12 and 13 had members who excelled in drama, music and languages. Thanks for everyone's hard work as mentors for the lower school, where they are paired with students lower down the school to listen and offer advice. It is a wonderful scheme to get involved with.

A final word from Story House Captain, Cassie Bailey. "Being able to be House captain this year has been such a great opportunity which I have thoroughly enjoyed. It was such an honour being able to be Story House captain as well as being able to have a great House captain committee who all have played such major parts throughout the year helping our House. It has been amazing being able to be a part of Story House's big days such as Elf day, Blue day, cake sales as well as our teacher mini marathon which all helped with raising money for our House charity. It was great watching everyone come together to be able to raise money for our House charity, Dementia UK as it is a charity which is close to many of us in our House. It has been so amazing seeing all of Story House's amazing achievements."

Story House has had a fantastic year and you can find out a lot more about what we've been up to by visiting the school website <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/house-pages/story/>

Mrs Shona Charge, Head of Story House

Head of House: Mrs Charge

Wilson House

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

As another year draws to an end, it always fills me with pride to look back and see what the members of Wilson House have been up to. This year is particularly special for me personally as it is now five years since I took over – this is the first year when all the students in Wilson have only had me as Head of House, so I can't blame anyone else!

It is fair to say that 7 Wilson are one of the most exuberant and confident groups that I have had in my time as Head of House. The Isle of Wight trip created some long-lasting memories, with yet another victory in the Headhunters laser tag (now five years undefeated). Since then, members of 7 Wilson have thrown themselves into all aspects of school life – as a group they were heavily represented in the House Drama, but also some members of the group have been involved in activities outside of school, such as the Young Leaders Conference – a great thing to get involved with at such a young age.

Whilst it seems like only yesterday that they were first arriving, Year 8 are now firmly settled in to life at Luffa and again it has been pleasing to see so many of the group getting involved in events. Miss Cahill has made sure that the group have enjoyed lots of activities in tutor time, in particular 'Just Dance' on their birthdays! 8 Wilson were also represented at Fruition Evening with a range of artistic events and also played a key part in the House Drama. Many of the students in the group are also keen competitors in inter-house sport.

Terrifying though it might seem, 9 Wilson are now half way through their journey at Luffa – fortunately they have remained as calm and chilled out as they were in Year 7, with all of the credit for keeping them on an even keel going to Mrs Jackson. Individual plaudits go to Noah Thompson, who continued to grow his reputation for impressive dramatic performances by landing the leading role of Billy in the school production of *Billy Elliot*, and Isaac McDonald who led the school chess team to success. Other members of 9 Wilson also contributed worthily to the House drama and Fruition Evening.



Year 10, under Mr Evans, have now embarked on their GCSEs and it has been rewarding to see them flourish under their new responsibilities. This was also on display during their work experience, and I was lucky enough to go and visit many members of the form out and about and to hear lots of glowing feedback from their placements. Members of 10 Wilson were also heavily involved in both the school and the House Drama. As they move into the final year, I hope we can give them all the help they need to keep all their plates spinning and also finally grab some inter-house sporting success. A word must go to our first

successful recipients of House colours – Hannah Beddoes, Joel Blamire and Mia Polhill. I hope there are more to follow in their footsteps next academic year.

Finally, we move on to Year 11, who we now have to sadly say goodbye to. It seems like I say this every year, but yet again 11 Wilson were a remarkably calm and easy tutor group who gave me very little bother whatsoever – so laid back as to be nearly horizontal – and the thanks for this must go to Mrs Stallard who has steered them through their GCSEs, with assistance from Mr Keane. This is the first tutor group that I have seen from the beginning to the end of their time in Wilson so on a personal level it will be difficult to see them go. I look forward to seeing some again in Sixth Form, and wish all the best to those who are going on to pastures new.

All in all it has been yet another busy year, and the students can certainly be proud of all that they have achieved. Particular mention must go to the House Drama team, in particular Alice Roberts who directed the Wilson House drama entry, *Alice in Wonderland*; for the first time in my tenure as Head of House Wilson actually reached the finals and were only narrowly pipped to the title. The Christmas Fair also continued to be a success, raising hundreds of pounds for our House charity, Friends of Mombasa Children. As well as looking back as all we have done, there is definitely a lot to look forward to going forward and much to build on – I look forward to seeing what comes in 2024!

Mr Keith Allman, Head of Wilson House

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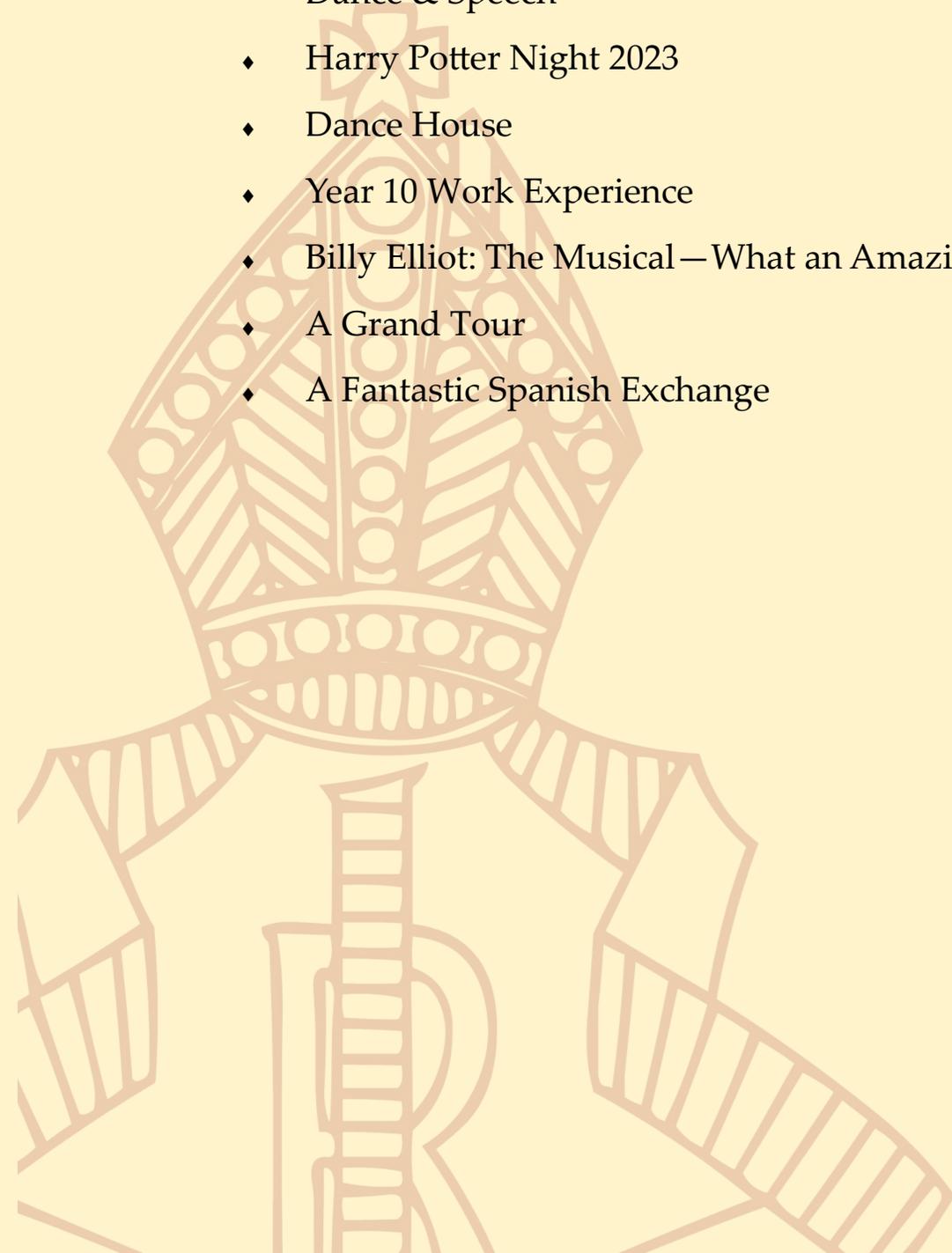
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Ofsted 'Outstanding'

Bishop Luffa School FINALLY had an OFSTED Inspection – and it's Outstanding!

OFSTED inspectors visited Bishop Luffa School in Chichester in December and have graded the school 'Outstanding'. The school was last inspected in 2008, when it was also given an 'Outstanding' judgement.

Head Teacher Austen Hindman said: 'it is important for our community that we have a report that reflects the school as it is now. We are very pleased that the inspection team saw how inclusive we are and that we are living out our school motto: "always our best because everyone matters". The inspection report says that "this is a school where you can be yourself and have your individual gifts and talents celebrated."'



Mr Hindman said: 'The report also talks about "the school's strong Christian values". Entry to Bishop Luffa School is based on church attendance: you don't need to buy a house on a certain road or pass an exam to get in. Churches are open to everyone and close to everyone.'

OFSTED also praised the impact of the Sixth Form on the ethos of the school: "The school buzzes with activity at lunchtimes as pupils enjoy social time together and participate in the vast array of clubs and societies. Many of these are organised by sixth-form students, who play a remarkably important role in the school. Beyond their academic studies, sixth formers lead other pupils in the excellent contribution the school makes to charities and the local community."

Head of Sixth Form, Jamie Saunders, said: 'Bishop Luffa Sixth Formers are leaders within the school. This responsibility helps our students to grow in confidence and is one of the main reasons why they go on to study at top universities and pursue rewarding careers.'

Bishop Luffa marks Holocaust Memorial Day



Students had the opportunity to reflect on the importance of Holocaust Memorial Day in a number of ways. Each year group had an assembly explaining the importance of this day. Included in the assemblies was an account by Izzy Lunn and Eva Buckler (Y13) of their recent trip to Auschwitz with the Holocaust Memorial Trust.

Across the week leading up to Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January), students used tutor time to learn more about the importance of marking the Holocaust, with a particular focus on this year's

theme of 'ordinary people', as participants, bystanders and victims. On the 27th, the School came together for a minute's solemn reflection. A moment to pause and reflect.

Year 9 students in RE and History paused their usual topics across the week, to reflect on these events, as explored through the book *After the War*, by Tom Palmer. As well as this, History Club attended a special screening of a film about Anne Frank at New Park Cinema, and had these thoughts:

'The film was insightful and exciting; an eye-opening and enlightening experience on the experience of Holocaust victims' - Ollie M

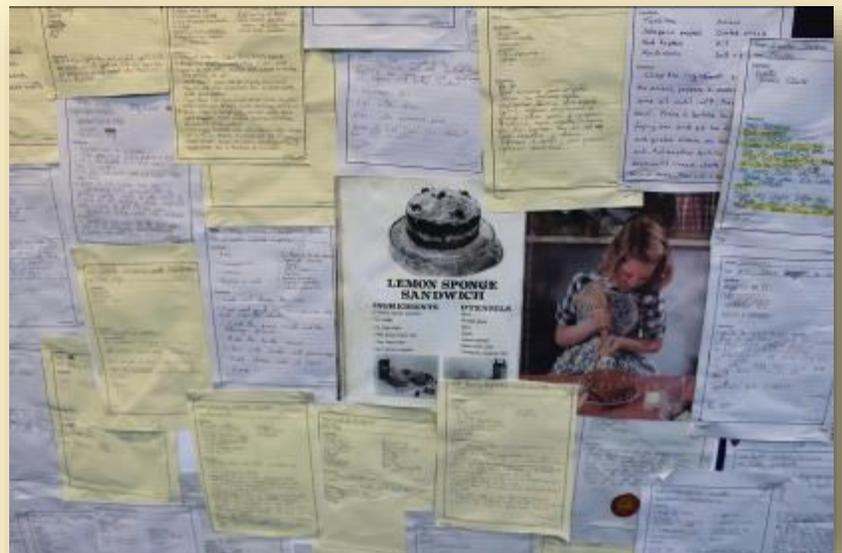
'An interesting, thought-provoking twist on the classic story of Anne Frank. Well worth a trip' - Max R

'I loved the film. I am a big fan of the animation style and the story was well presented' - Theo K.

'I found the film very informative as it linked the Holocaust to modern persecutions' - Harry K

'I liked seeing Anne Frank's diary in animation and the workshop gave us an opportunity to link with our own lives' - Rosie G

Students across all years contributed to a display of their favourite recipes, helping to celebrate our individuality and identity, something which genocides tend to try and erase in the victims of such terrible actions. We hope that these events in School all help to ensure that our School community recognises the importance of standing up to injustice, and of celebrating our individual qualities and personalities. We must value life in all its fullness, and help ensure that others aren't deprived of this right.



Mr J Barnett, Head of Humanities

Outstanding Performances at 68th Chichester Festival for Music, Dance & Speech



On the 4th and 5th February a cohort of Bishop Luffa students from Years 7-10 competed in the 68th Chichester Festival for Music, Dance & Speech held at Oakwood School. This year the festival was host to over 200 students from West Sussex and Hampshire all performing verse, prose, public speaking, choral speaking and dramatic solos and

duets. Students who participated were: Year 7 - Emily Farnell, Eloise Sewrey, Orla Jones, Gieve Alam, Curtis Carey, Florence Cullen, Jenny Clarke, Erin Selves; Year 8 - Isabelle Coton, Mary Gardner Smart, Laila Fletcher, Annalise Clark, Ellen Stanhope, Olivia Czopek; Year 9 - Tom Congalton, Alexander Solly, Eva Jones, Niall Cook, and Year 10 - Katie Blamire and Keturah Peirson.

Each and every student performed with great confidence and are a credit to the school. Students awarded prizes were:

Storrington Cup - Poem Year 7

- 1st - Curtis Carey (7Wilson)
- 2nd - Emily Farnell (7Burrows)
- 3rd - Erin Selves (7Wilson)

Sir Eric Jansz Poetry Prize – Year 8 & 9

- 1st - Niall Cook (9Story)
- 3rd - Eva Jones (9Story)

CMF Speech and Drama Cup - Prose speaking Years 7, 8, 9

- 1st - Niall Cook (9Story)
- 2nd - Eva Jones (9Story)
- 3rd - Isabelle Coton (8Wilson) and Curtis Carey (7Wilson)

Richard Plowman Cup for Public Speaking

- 1st - Olivia Czopek (8Sherborne)

Hoare Cup for dramatic solo Years 9, 10, 11

- Joint 3rd - Tom Congalton (9King) and Alexander Solly (9Ridgeway)

Leslie-Evershed-Martin Rose Bowl for Championship Intermediate

- 1st - Keturah Peirson (10Burrows)



It was a terrific weekend and a wonderful celebration of all the hard work these students have invested in for their LAMDA sessions, and we wish them all the best for their exams.



Angela Watkins, LAMDA Teacher

Harry Potter Night 2023

In February the main school library at Bishop Luffa transformed into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Year 7 and 8 students were invited to attend an evening full of activities, games and challenges that all celebrate the wonderful world of Harry Potter and the incredible impact it has had on a generation of young readers. Staff (who had also transformed for the occasion!) helped our young wizards and witches perfect their spell casting, explore charms and potions and made sure that everyone could successfully defeat a dementor (should one arise). Honeydukes café opened for 'Gillyweed'; 'Fizzing Whizbees' and of course, 'Bertie Botts Every Flavour Beans'.



Outside the castle (library) we had exciting games of Quidditch, and there were also opportunities to retreat from the excitement in the Forbidden Forest. Throughout the night students won points for their Houses, with extra points available for impromptu challenges and trick questions. A final, closely fought House Quiz saw 'Hufflepuff'

victorious followed by Slytherin, Ravenclaw and finally Gryffindor. Our winners enjoyed a Chocolate Frog and the evening saw additional prizes for best costume – won by Luna Lovegood and Newt Scamander. As you can see we immersed ourselves completely, with most of our students so 'in character' that it was something of a shock when the evening ended. We had a magical time.

Mrs M De Giovanni, Head Librarian

Dance House

It was great for Bishop Luffa dancers to be invited back to perform at Dance House at The Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis alongside other local primary and secondary schools. This year our Year 12 A Level Dance students Caitlin, Molly, Olivia and Tabby explored the works of Shobana Jeyasingh. As a collaborative project we looked at her focus on the intellectual and physical power of dance and the piece performed was rooted in her vision of culture and society. Our Year 10 BTEC Dancers followed on with a hugely entertaining Samba inspired celebration of the work *A Linha Curva* by Itzik Galili to the sold-out audience. The dancers embraced the title of the dance *Vivo O Momento* and were certainly living in the moment! Both dances highlighted the dedication and hard work of all the dancers who rehearsed tirelessly prior to the performance and Mrs Feakins-Taylor and Miss Lawlor were proud to watch them on the stage.



Event organiser Jill Hoskins commented 'It was fantastic to see your students perform so confidently and professionally on stage, and the audience certainly showed their appreciation very vocally! Your students were a joy to have in the theatre, both at the rehearsal, and at the evening performance and I hope they enjoyed the experience of the whole day'. Well done to all of the dancers involved in a fantastic celebration of dance.

Mrs J Feakins-Taylor, Teacher of Dance & Head of Otter House

Year 10 Work Experience

At the beginning of February 2023, Year 10 students were given the opportunity to take part in a week-long work experience placement, developing employability skills and finding out about the world of work. This is a really exciting and valuable part of the students' careers education throughout their time at Bishop Luffa, which is remembered long after the event.



Students were encouraged to organise their work experience placements themselves by contacting employers and exploring the Education Business Partnership work experience database for contacts. They then wrote emails, made phone calls, sent CVs, and attended work placement interviews as needed. Students had lots of ideas of companies to contact and worked hard to secure their placements.



Placements were successfully organised in a whole range of industries, with some students taking the opportunity to carry out their placement away from home. Students arranged placements in universities, stables, charities, vets, architects, law firms, museums, schools, florists, hospitals, IT departments, engineering companies, hotels, garages, estate agents, retail, hairdressers, farms and sailing clubs amongst others. Highlights identified by students during their placements included talking on the radio, cleaning a plane, working different hours, meeting like-minded people, site visits, learning from others, a trip to London, looking after animals, helping children learn, meeting new people, learning how to make coffee, and attending meetings and conferences.



Feedback from employers shows how impressed they are with our students with many commenting on what a credit they are to the school and themselves. Comments such as 'was absolutely amazing', 'used her initiative', 'impressed with his professional manner', 'saw her confidence grow', 'helpful and mature', 'boundless energy and enthusiasm', 'a natural problem solver', were made by employers, with some students being offered part time jobs and further work experience opportunities.

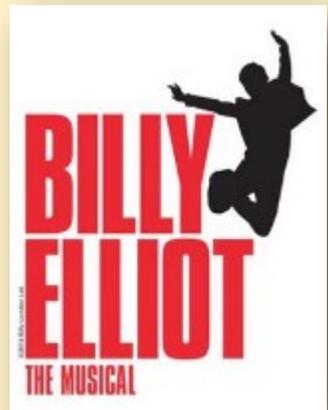
Mrs A Hopp, Careers & Enterprise Coordinator

Billy Elliot: The Musical—What an Amazing Show



“What an amazing show.” “Fantastic acting and such gritty performances.” These were just some of the comments from the audience who watched the School production of *Billy Elliot: The Musical*. The show is a coming-of-age stage musical based on the 2000 film of the same name, with the music by Elton John, and the book and lyrics by Lee Hall, who wrote the film's screenplay.

The plot revolved around Billy, a motherless British boy who began taking ballet lessons. The story of his personal struggle and fulfilment was balanced against a counter-story of family and community strife caused by the 1984–85 UK miners' strike in County Durham, in North East England. Hall's screenplay was inspired in part by A. J. Cronin's 1935 novel about a miners' strike, *The Stars Look Down*, to which the musical's opening song pays homage. This amateur production was presented by arrangement with Musical Theatre International. All authorised performance materials were also supplied by MTI.



We had a fantastic cast of actors from across all year groups, together with an amazing showband which was entirely made up of students from the school, under the direction of Mrs Bowen-Melfi, Head of Music. The actors and musicians were ably assisted by a great tech team, and lots of behind the scenes assistance including wardrobe, set construction and props. They were an amazing team, who worked incredibly hard to bring the show together.

Mrs N Furnell, Team Leader Drama



A Grand Tour

A very cold 02:45 on the morning of Friday 10th February saw 38 students of Latin and Classics waiting for a coach in the car park of Chichester Festival Theatre. The early start however, meant a full day of “ruin viewin’” in Rome. A coach ride took us past the ancient and modern worlds living side by side: the modern hospital standing on the ancient foundations of the Roman temple to Aesculapius, god of healing; the bridge built before the days of Julius Caesar juxtaposed with Florentine and Rococo architecture; and the modern roads next to the Appian Way where so many slaves had been crucified after the revolt of Spartacus. In brilliant warm sunshine, we saw the sights of the Piazza di Spagna, the Trevi fountain and the breath-taking Pantheon. The bedtime story was the beginning of Book 1 of Homer’s Iliad.



After a frighteningly calorific breakfast on the second day we set off to see the Colosseum, Forum and Palatine Hill; awed by the horror of a place whose 100 days of inaugural games, it is said, wiped out the North African lion and killed countless gladiators and criminals, and martyred so many Christians; and exhilarated to walk where so many who shaped the story of Western history had passed before us. After our transfer coach journey to Naples, through the shifting geography of Italy (which brought enormous joy to Mrs Pegg) we arrived at the extraordinary Hotel di Capodimonte perched on a precipitous hill looking out over an extraordinary church and the city of Naples. In

the evening two teams from across the year groups competed in a quiz run by the Year 13s.

Our third day was taken up visiting the house at Oplontis, believed to be owned by the emperor Nero’s wife, Poppaea with its dazzling murals of beautiful wildlife and fantastical theatrical architectural scenes. Boscoreale next showed us the more rustic world of a Roman vintner, with his great stone jars of petrified wine. After this we popped to a supermarket where we received from our coach driver a lesson in how to drive a coach to the millimetre with consummate professionalism. The afternoon took us to the glorious Naples Archaeological Museum where we roved and explored, taking great delight in discovering familiar sights from the Cambridge Latin Course and exploring some of the sheer beauty preserved from Pompeii and Herculaneum. That night we read the letters Pliny the Younger, an eyewitness of the eruption of Vesuvius wrote to the historian Tacitus.



Day 4 took us up Vesuvius. It is difficult to say who was happier – Ms Barnett in the Classical joys of Rome or Mrs Pegg with the geographical and topological excitements of Mount Vesuvius. The students were magnificent climbing to the top without complaint and with the weather set fair for us, enjoying looking all across the bay of Naples and the surrounding area. Some adroit manoeuvring by our extraordinary guide got us all delicious, freshly made margarita pizzas at a tiny café just next to Herculaneum Archaeological Park at a significantly reduced price. The afternoon was spent being guided round Herculaneum.

Day 5 was a six-hour tour of Pompeii where we saw the Amphitheatre; Palaestra; many houses of rich and super-rich; the extraordinary, and just opened House of the Vetii; the forum baths; the theatre; and of course, compulsorily, the house of Caecilius (of the Cambridge Latin Course) and so much more. Very late in the evening, we returned 38 exhausted students to their families with memories to last a lifetime.

Ms C Barnett, Teacher of Latin

A Fantastic Spanish Exchange

One thing that was missing at Bishop Luffa until now was a host family exchange with our partner school from Spain!

It was wonderful to have our Spanish friends with us for a whole week and share great memories with them. The photos speak for themselves - the enthusiasm was in the air and the experience also taught our students a little bit more about other cultures. Our students really enjoyed showing their Spanish friends their school, their hometown and surroundings, and our beautiful beaches. They say this experience has also made them bond as a group. Our visitors also had a wonderful experience and wanted to share with us a few comments to thank the school and the host families for their fantastic care and hospitality.

This exchange has been an unforgettable experience, my host family and penpal have been very kind and great hosters. I learnt a lot about the city and its traditions and I have lived incredible moments with other students at Bishop Luffa.

Love, Lucía López.

Greetings from Tenerife! I want to start by thanking everyone at Bishop Luffa for this experience. This week has been incredible, the people were super nice and Eleanor and her parents were very caring and made me feel part of their family. I hope to see everyone I met here again. Noa.

This has been an incredible experience. Everything I have seen and lived this week has been amazing and unforgettable at the same time. I loved the school, the family and the places I have visited and I would like to come back again one day.

Love, Leire.

I loved my experience visiting Chichester, staying with Hanna couldn't have been better. We were really busy doing activities all week, my favourite thing was going to the beach to see the sunset. I hope to see them all again soon.

Lots of love Emily xxx

I loved the experience in Chichester, above all I enjoyed the amount of activities that we did all together, especially when we went to the beach. I loved spending time with Ella's family and I hope I could see them again in the future.

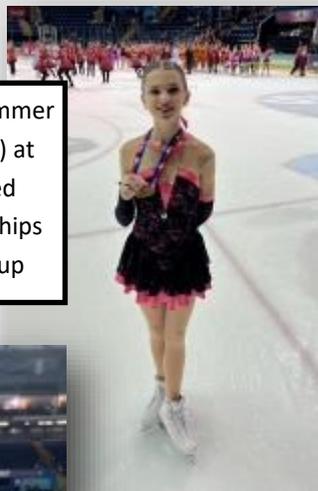
Hugs and kisses, Alba.



Mrs E Lopez-Gamero, Teacher of Spanish & International School Coordinator

Students' Sporting Achievements

Skating success for Summer Cheesman (11Burrows) at the British Synchronised Ice-Skating Championships 2023—The Britannia Cup



Raúl Dodson-Richi (12Burrows) who has been selected for the Great Britain Mens U18 Fastpitch Softball team, going to the Euros in the Czech Republic.



Theo Ellis (8Otter) has been selected to represent the UK pro mountain biking team. Theo has been chosen to join the development squad—one of five children in the country and he is the youngest. National competitions will take place in Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Man.



Nellie Pegg (12Burrows) plays for the Harlequins U18 Centre of Excellence Academy Rugby team—they had a fantastic 67-0 win over Loughborough Lightning U18 Centre of Excellence.



Hannah Day (10Ridgeway) competed at the Welsh Winter Swimming Championships having been selected to be part of the Welsh National Foundation Squad. Hannah had a great time and swam many personal best times, made it to the finals of events that she entered and came away with three silver and one gold medal. Hannah also competed at both the GB National Championships and the Swim England National Championships. She was rewarded with a gold medal and the title of 'National Champion' for her age in the 50 metre breaststroke final.



English Schools Cross Country Team event (October 2022) with the Junior boys coming 1st, and the intermediate boys and junior girls qualifying in 2nd place.

Olivia Alger (7Ridgeway) had great fun when she was part of the dancing ensemble in *Beauty and the Beast* at the Alexandra Theatre.



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Iceland 2023



Bishop Luffa Geographers were treated to an action packed trip to Iceland exploring the Golden Circle and beyond over the Easter holidays. From the moment the plane landed we enjoyed a packed itinerary starting with a journey across lava fields to visit the dramatic coastline of Reykjanes peninsula, an introduction to mud pools and steam vents at Gunnhver before witnessing the fissure between the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates at the Bridge Between the Continents.

On Day 2 we enjoyed a hike through Thingvellir National Park with views of the many rifts and volcanoes followed by a walk up through the bubbling mud and hissing springs of Hveragerdi and onto the most voluminous waterfall in Iceland of Uridafoss, ending the day with a swim at the local geothermally heated outdoor swimming pool (with ice bath, hot tubs and slides to boot!). Day 3 was a day of sea, fire and ice... we witnessed the dramatic glacial retreat at Solheimajokull, the black sands of Vik and had lots of fun scrambling up the basalt columns for photo shoots! The afternoon was spent hiking to the top of Skogafoss and then heading inside a gorge to feel the full force of the cascading water at Glujfrabui.

Day 4 started with a visit to Geysir to see the giant spouting hot springs erupting every 10 minutes, followed by a walk to Gullfoss - the most photographed waterfall in Iceland. An afternoon was enjoyed floating and relaxing in the sunshine at The Secret Lagoon - Iceland's oldest geothermal pool. Then off again, to hike around the top rim of Kerid Crater and for some around the crater lake too! The day ended with a 10pm hike up the hill to witness the stars in the dark skies and to our amazement a half hour display of the northern lights!



Our final day involved a stunning walk along the moonscape of bubbling mud pools and columns of steam of Seltun hot springs with their memorable aroma! It ended with a hike up to the very top of Fagradalsfjall lava flow (which erupted in August 2021), descending with pockets laden with shiny 'souvenirs' and happy memories! Here's what some of our students thought of their time away:

"Iceland was a real blast with lots of places to visit. Iceland's natural scenery is stunning and lots of geography learnt in school made sense with the places we visited. It has also helped me with my GCSEs as it has given a real perspective of what tectonic plates can do. A great trip" - Henry Long (11Otter); *"Food, weather and sites - Iceland has them all"*, Jamie Edwards (11Wilson); *"The Secret Lagoon's pool noodles were great for just floating around and relaxing and the walks we had in the evening allowed us to bond stronger as a group"* Nellie Pegg (12Burrows); *"Iceland was an eye-opening experience and would definitely recommend it to anyone who gets the chance to go. All of the pictures you see online just don't give it justice, as the natural landscape is massively scaled up, stunning and feels out of this world. The Northern lights were an added bonus for us which we were very lucky to see. But just being with friends was great fun as we can share our experiences with each other for many years to come. I enjoyed it so much!"* Ben Russell-Wells (12Story)

Mrs M Wilburn, Team Leader Geography

Sports Tour 2023



Over the Easter holidays 32 pioneering students travelled to Barcelona for the school's first ever international sports tour. The touring party was led by Mr Godfray, Miss Unitt, Mr Hill and Mr Blewitt.

During the trip students represented themselves to the highest of levels and were praised by different schools and coaches they came in contact with. The group enjoyed a wealth of opportunities including Portadventure Theme Park, local Spanish football fixtures, inter school football and netball competitions and a day out in Barcelona, along with a tour around the Nou Camp football stadium. All teams performed magnificently in their fixtures: U13 football WIN vs Pal de Santa Maria 3-0, U14 football WIN vs CF CUNNIT 5-0, U14 netball 5th place in Masterclass Netball Tournament and U13/U14 2nd place in their Masterclass Football Tournaments. The trip was an overwhelming success that upheld both the values and vision of the school.

Mr T Blewitt, Teacher of PE

Year 7 get 'egg-cited' about History!



In a very clear (and shameless) attempt to link their learning to Easter, Year 7s were encouraged, over the holidays, to create a historical scene using eggs as the centrepiece. Some 'egg-stremely'(!) creative ideas were poached(!) from here and there, and some 'egg-scellent'(!) originality was seen as well. Ideas ranged from Albert Eggstein through to Henry VIII's half-dozen wives, and of course a chocolate-based prize was awarded to the best in each class. In all seriousness, anything that helps students see that learning can take place in many different ways is always a good thing. My thanks go to all of the students who took part.

Mr J Barnett, Head of Humanities

PE trip to the 'Home of Cricket'

A group of budding cricketers went to visit the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) at the Lord's Cricket Ground in London and were left astounded.

Bishop Luffa is one of very few state secondary schools in the country to host an annual cricket match against the MCC which was the first cricket club formed back in 1787 and to this day are the custodians of the laws of cricket.



On the trip we learnt about the history of the MCC. Our students challenged the decisions that had been made by the MCC to our historian leader, John, and the club's very slow movement towards equality. We learnt that of the near 19,000 members only 890 were female, and there has only been one female president in the 234 year history. Kumar Sangakkara has been the only black president and it is only since 1999 that ladies were allowed in the famous pavilion, which holds the greatest amount of cricketing artwork in the world at over 3,000 pieces. We were all shocked at the inequality within cricket and the MCC and to this point there has still not been a female test match at Lord's.

We were left inspired by the history of the club, the famous traditions, triumphs of men and women's world cup wins, as well as famous failures and scandals. The day was finished with a masterclass coaching session led by an MCC coach and use of the outstanding facilities where students' confidence grew as they struck the ball with greater venom. This trip has not only demonstrated that cricket is a great game but that we all must play our part in striving for equality within the game. In years to come many of the students on this trip will represent Bishop Luffa in its prestigious match against the MCC and they have developed an understanding of the magnitude of what they have been involved in. A special mention to Jeremy Goode, who helped make this trip possible for all students and continues to significantly support cricket at Bishop Luffa for which we are most grateful.

Mr T Godfray, Team Leader of PE

Bishop Luffa welcomes Korean visitors to the school



We were very excited to host some visitors from the Department for Education in South Korean. They were very impressed with our school and our Teaching and Learning Programme, but the best part of their day was meeting our students. We all learnt to say "Kimchi" instead of cheese when taking pictures!

Mrs E Lopez-Gamero, Teacher of Spanish and International Links Coordinator

Bishop Luffa Dancers perform with Mapdance

The Dance Department is always seeking ways to extend and enrich the dance provision in school. Our Year 10 BTEC and Year 12 A'Level dancers were lucky enough to participate in a full day workshop with Mapdance company. Mapdance company is formed of students who are studying for an MA Performance in Dance degree at the University of Chichester. Mapdance operates as a professional company with daily technique classes and



rehearsals. They work with internationally established and up-and-coming choreographers. In addition, they tour nationally and internationally and offer educational activities for schools and colleges.

The workshop ran all day and resulted in the dancers learning and rehearsing a 4-minute dance work. They worked extremely hard and the result was fantastic. The following evening, they opened for Mapdance company and performed the dance that they had learned only the day before in the Showroom at the University. I am so proud of their resilience and hard work. Here are some soundbites from some of the students who took part:

“Working with Mapdance was an amazing experience and dancing with the students gave me an idea of what it would be like to study dance at university.” Tabby, Year 12 A level dancer

“The workshop with Mapdance inspired me and put me out of my comfort zone as it was a very abstract style of dance that I have never done before. All of the Mapdance members were so encouraging and talented.” Olivia, Year 10 BTEC dancer

Miss J Lawlor, Head of Arts Faculty / Team Leader Dance

Celebrating the King's Coronation



Golden crowns, sleeping guardsmen and union jacks! It could only mean one thing - Bake Off was back and the competition was on to win the golden Bake Off rolling pin trophy! In our Coronation special students tackled the show stopper challenge to create a cake for the King. Evie Castle (9King) reigned and scooped the top prize for her incredible attention to detail. Evie incorporated the English rose, Irish shamrock, Scottish thistle and Welsh daffodil into her crown design. Well done Evie!

In second place Kathrine Dickeson (8Otter) and Harriet Cox (8Otter) created a Viennese chocolate orange cake—their imaginative design was inspired by how the crown will be lifted onto the King's head. They represented this by having smaller iced crowns on a cushion rising up to a large crown on the top of the cake. In third place Thea Miller (8King), Olive Kus (8King), and Elodie Roberts (8King), created a highly decorative cake with a funny twist, which included multiple guardsmen doing different jobs at the Coronation.

Congratulations to all our students for their wonderful entries in the bunting competition. There were lots of lovely designs submitted and we enjoyed looking at them all. The winning entries were designed by Bella Wright (8Burrows), Iona Sherwood (8King) and Lavinia Day (7Otter).

Mrs Bradberry – Collective Worship Leader, and Mrs C Duke - Team Leader of RE

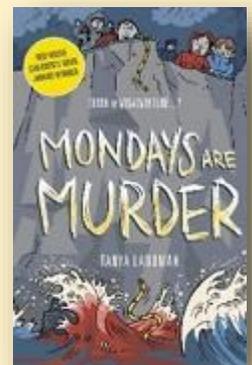
Wild Reading



Mondays are Murder...? This spring Mr Eames from the English Department and Mx Thomas from the Library took 23 students from Year 7, 8 and 10 on a wild readers trip to find out...

Reading with confidence opens the door to learning well across the whole curriculum. Residential offers a fresh page. Crisp and new, potential and possibility, you can do anything, be anything, live life in all its fullness. Pair the two together to form Bishop Luffa's Wild Readers Trip this year on the CYE Barge in Bosham. Two days, a whistle stop adventure of reading a whole book: *Mondays are Murder* (see what I did there) headtorches at the

ready for a spot of reading whilst tunnelling; CYE have the second longest man-made tunnel in Europe, a tranquil moment of reading, resting in your kayak on the water...followed by the next chapter of the book whilst sailing a longboat. After dinner a beach walk in the gloaming with the latest instalment of the book read aloud by a student to the group ending with campfire marshmallow toasting, complete with a session of whole group reading aloud to find out whodunnit... we finished the book!



Every student completed a feedback postcard at the end of the trip...here are a few of our students' thoughts on wild reading;

"I enjoyed the trip and it helped involve me in the book. The Characters were doing activities outside like us...the staff members reading was good and fun and involved me in the story so much more"

"Just like the characters in the book when arriving on the island I was wet and cold.."

"It was a great choice to choose this book for our residential as it relates with the story, when we were taking part in the activities it was relaxing to have a little read and a check in on what's happening in the story"

"I've made new friends on this trip. Enjoyed being read to and reading to others...this trip has allowed me to open myself up to make new friends and has also made me realise how fun reading was"

It was an enjoyable couple of days for all involved including huge achievements such as facing fears, making new friends, reading a whole book but most importantly; igniting a spark for a new found love of reading.

Mx G Thomas, Librarian



Year 10 visit the British Film Institute

In April twelve Year 10 French students attended a KS4 day at the British Film Institute in London. The day started by watching three short films in French and completing activities relating to them. We ate lunch on the South Bank and returned to the cinema in the afternoon for a showing of 'Les Intouchables', with the brilliant Omar Sy (who many of the students recognised from 'Lupin' on Netflix!). We were so impressed with our students all day and it was a great opportunity to see this film on the big screen.

**Mrs Christie, Head of Languages Faculty
and Mrs Massey, Teacher of French**

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Qualifier Weekend



A huge congratulations to all of our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award students who successfully completed their Qualifier Expedition in May. We were incredibly lucky with the weather this time and students navigated themselves between the Trundle and Lavington Common over the course of their expedition. The Assessors were really pleased with their planning, campcraft and navigation skills and commented that they are all a 'lovely group of children; polite, courteous and a credit to the school.' A thank you also goes out to the volunteers this weekend who gave up their time to assist the students, we really couldn't do this without you all.

Well done all you, we are really proud of your achievement!

Ms K Wells, Mrs K Pegg, Mrs V Haywood, Mr C Cook and Mr Hains

Story House Blue Day

On Friday 19th May, we asked the whole school to swap an item of uniform for an item of blue clothing for a small donation. Why Blue? Blue is the official colour of Dementia, symbolising memory and forget-me-nots. As a House, this charity is really important to us. Many of us have seen the impact dementia can have on family members. Since the pandemic, smaller charities have struggled so any support we can provide them is greatly appreciated. Alongside this, several other events took place. Eleven teachers ran a 2.5km mini-marathon with students giving their support by cheering on their favourite teacher, as well as having the opportunity to guess the winning time. There was lots of cheering as Chris West finished the mini-marathon just as the rest of the field reached the half-way line...



Students had the opportunity to buy tickets to win our Blue Hamper of goodies, and this fantastic prize was won by Libby Johnson (9Sherborne). At break time there was also a cake sale with all cakes flying off the stall. We are pleased to announce that we raised a total of £265 for this worthwhile charity. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Mrs S Charge, Head of Story House

Summer Term Sports News

Congratulations to Libby Johnson (9Sherborne) who had major success at the Sussex County Championships held at K2 in Crawley, representing Chichester Cormorants Swimming Club in the 50m and 100m Butterfly. Not only did Libby finish 2nd in the finals for both races for her age group (U15) but she got a silver medal for the 50m and Bronze medal for 100m in the overall Championship for Butterfly for all girls aged 10-15.



Congratulations to Sam Machell (7Burrows) who went to Lake Garda over Easter to take part in The World's Biggest International Optimist event. 1212 competitors from 34 countries gathered this year in Riva del Garda to join the event – a Guinness World Record! Sam and his family arrived four days before the competition started so Sam could join The Atlantis Academy Clinic and Coaching. This involved an intense full day classroom teaching and coaching on the water. The competition was from the 6- 9th of April with four days of racing. The first

two days were qualifiers (divided into start lines of groups of 200 boats). Then into Gold, Silver, Bronze, Emerald and Pearl fleets. Sam was also selected to represent GBR at the 2023 Irish Optimist National & Open Championships to be held at Ballyholme Yacht Club, Co. Down, Northern Ireland in August.

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 boys' and girls' who qualified for the Athletics Track and Field Cup B final in June as a result of finishing second and fourth in the first round. Within this event Ben Stewart (8Andrewes) broke the school record for the 800m and the shot put.

Congratulations to Henry McPhilemy (10Sherborne) who has been selected for the London Irish Under 16 Rugby Academy. This is an outstanding achievement and we wish Henry all the best.

Well done to Amelie McGurk (12Ri), Lucia McGurk (10Ri), Eve Langford (10Wi), Noah Collins (10Bu), Dan Ellis (9Ot), Jake Laughton (9Ot), Kai Lendrum (9Bu), Stanley Wilks (9Bu), Leon Phiasanaxay (9Sh), Zach Baggott (9An), Kitty Goodband (8An), Tilly Goodband (8An), Ben Stewart (8An), Matthew Mainwaring (8Sh) and Elodie Hill (8Ki) who have been selected to represent West Sussex West at the Schools Athletics Championships.

Well done to Josh Ward (9King) who was selected to play for Harlequins Rugby Academy U14s team.

Congratulations to Nellie Pegg (12Burrows) and Eve Ursell (12Wilson) who were in the winning side for the Under 18s Worthing 10s rugby again this year, with teams from all over the Midlands and the South East competing.



It has been a half term full of outstanding performances and opportunities for students' in PE .

Mr T Godfray, Team Leader PE

News from the Spanish Department

Year 7 have been studying Spanish and have taken part in a 'Mafalda' competition. Students have learnt about the Mafalda comics, and the messages of peace and love that Mafalda has been spreading around the world for many years. For the competition students had to draw a Mafalda and select their favourite quote. The winner of the competition was Jessica Yonge (7Story). Congratulations Jessica! We are taking your Mafalda to Spain with



us and we are sure our students there will love it! Year 8 have been writing their first pen pal letters to our Spanish friends in Tenerife. They cannot wait to visit our partner school there next year, and meet their pen pals in person.

Mrs E López Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish & International School Coordinator

Bishop Luffa youngsters battle hard in the sun against the MCC

Chichester Priory Park played host to the annual Bishop Luffa versus the Marylebone Cricket Club for the second year in a row of blistering sun. This year Bishop Luffa were made up of a slightly younger team than in recent years but one that has plenty of promise for the years to come. Whilst the MCC posed a strong team with a player from Western Australia, they must have heard of our bowling threat, as they dealt with this with extreme elegance, class and humbleness.



The team showed great resilience on a hot day in the field. After lunch Bishop Luffa went in to bat and, whilst we beat the infield on occasions, wickets fell quickly and the match came to a close with the MCC victorious. After outstanding glove work behind the stumps and a brave opening stand, Arran Goode won the MCC Spirit of Cricket award, which was thoroughly deserved.

Whilst the game was won by the MCC comfortably, this game means more to Bishop Luffa than 'a cricket match'; this is an opportunity for youth players to experience playing against elite cricketers, the etiquette, spirit of the game and, for ex-Bishop Luffa students', the opportunity to represent their school again. It also gave some of the players the opportunity to talk to the MCC members about their tour of Lord's earlier in the year. It was great to hear MCC players discussing eye-opening findings from our tour, showing how far cricket has to come within society. Thank you to everyone that attended this match – it was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

Mr T Godfray, Team Leader of PE

Fruition 2023



On a lovely, but very warm, June evening the Arts Faculty's Annual Fruition showcase took place. This year we were joined by our fellow creatives in the guise of the Design and Technology Faculty. The evening was a huge success with all departments showcasing their fantastic work.

Our audience was able to wander through the arts spaces and outside absorbing the creative atmosphere. Family, friends and students viewed an Art Exhibition presenting the work of GCSE and A Level Art students; enjoyed Dance performances; watched some extracts from this year's House Drama Festival and experienced performances from solo musicians in the main foyer.

On the 'bandstand' there was a wide variety of musical performances from exam groups and extra-curricular Music clubs, and the Dance Studio became a cinema for the evening to showcase a range of GCSE Media Studies and A Level Media Studies projects.

Design and Technology proudly presented a range of exhibits of products designed by students plus there was a chance to buy crepes and find out more about the Green Power Team's car 'Mercury'. Awards were also handed out to the Ambassadors for Design and Technology 2023.



It was a vibrant celebration of the work that staff and students create across the Arts and DT subjects. I extend my thanks to all those involved and to the hard working PFA for providing the refreshments. Here's to Fruition 2024!

Miss J Lawlor, Head of Arts Faculty



South Korean Teachers visit Bishop Luffa School again!

During the summer term we had the privilege to host 10 Trainee Teachers from South Korea to complete their International Training Programme with us at the school.

They shadowed students round the school, learnt about the British education system, observed lessons across the school and taught our students about their culture and language. Our students learnt greetings in Korean, played traditional Korean games such as "Yut No Ri, Ddakjichigi", "Gongginori" and Jegichagi" and learnt to write their name in Korean. They also learnt about Korean culture and tried on a traditional Korean costume that the teachers donated to our school. A few weeks packed of fun and multicultural activities!



Mrs E López Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish & International School Coordinator

Spanish Exchange Programme and Cultural Visit to Tenerife



This term our students from Year 10 and 12 had the opportunity to take part in our first Language exchange programme. They spent the week in Tenerife practising their Spanish, living with their Spanish host families and attending school in Spain. As you can imagine, they also had time to have a lot of fun and make amazing memories.



Later in the week more students from Year 9 and 10 joined us for a cultural visit. They spent Friday on Nuryana School (our partner school in Tenerife), meeting their pen pals, playing Spanish games and making new friends. We also went to the volcano Teide, visited La Laguna (UNESCO World Heritage) and swam at the beach. They also enjoyed a great "paella" and delicious "churros con chocolate" before we departed to the UK. A weekend packed of fun activities and a great

opportunity to practise their Spanish. We cannot wait to come back next year!

Mrs E López Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish & International School Coordinator



Young Leaders Conference

Have you ever had to lead a team through shark infested custard? 35 students were set this challenge as they took part in our first Young Leaders Conference. Hosted by Chichester Baptist Church and collaboratively planned by our school clergy team, our young leaders had a brilliant day learning and enhancing their leadership skills. The day started with pastries and group discussion on what it means to lead and be a leader. The conversation with students was both inspiring and thought provoking. We then had the pleasure of welcoming The Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager, Bishop of Horsham to give our key note speech.



Students took part in two large group workshops, one on how to effectively lead a team, and the other on public speaking. In the afternoon students spent time in two of four seminars which focused on prayer, sung worship, drama and our tutor time programme 'Connect'. Student feedback was very positive – here is what they had to say about the day...

"You have to always work as a team though it is important to have a leader."

"You have to adapt your leadership style to who you are with."

"The voice projection workshop was fun and very useful."

"I loved the drama workshop, it was so much fun and we had to work effectively as a team."

"I was really inspired by Bishop Ruth's talk, it helped me realise that developing my leadership is going to be a continuous journey, there is no end point."

Mrs R Bradberry – Collective Worship Leader

Paris 2023

In June 48 students from Years 9, 10 and 12 left late in the evening to travel to Paris. We went straight to Disney on Friday morning and stayed until the fireworks at 11pm! There were lots of smiles, despite the lack of sleep! On Saturday we went to a Hypermarket to buy lunch, then climbed the 270 steps to the top of the Arc de Triomphe, went to the Musée d'Orsay to see some of the famous Impressionist art work, meandered through the Jardin de Tuileries, and went to see the sun setting over famous Parisian landmarks from the top of the Tour Montparnasse. We cooled off in the evening, down by the lake at the hotel, watching fireworks in the distance. The Year 12 students toured Paris away from the main group, visiting Sacré Coeur, experiencing the Metro and seeing Les Invalides amongst others. On Sunday, we enjoyed a boat trip down the Seine (in 32-degree heat!) to see the main sights of Paris before our journey home. Thank you to all of the students for being so enthusiastic all weekend and for the teachers who made this trip possible.



Mrs K Christie, Head of Languages

Year 8 Out and About with Humanities!



Generally good weather blessed three days of Humanities visits in the summer term. History, Geography and RE worked together to give each Year 8 student three visits that helped them develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of their local area. Geography took students to West Wittering beach, where, in collaboration with Harbour Conservancy staff they spent a full day looking at the processes, landforms and management of this fragile ecosystem. As well as developing a greater understanding of the features of a place we often take for granted, it also helped develop fieldwork skills, and data handling techniques.



History and RE ran a combined visit to Southampton. The RE part of the visit took students to either a Sikh Gurdwara or a Hindu Mandir. As well as supporting the outward looking Christian ethos of the School, the visit helped deepen understanding of different world faiths, providing a helpful foundation for their future GCSE studies. The History part of the visit took students to SeaCity Museum for an investigation of the Titanic, supporting their recent work on the industrial revolution. Students worked their way through a well-curated exhibition relating to all aspects of the ship, developing their research skills, and subject knowledge. This was a

visit with added poignancy as it coincided with the search for the lost submersible with five people on board.

Mr J Barnett, Head of Humanities

Bishop Luffa retains Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

We are delighted to announce that Bishop Luffa School has retained their Eco-School Green Flag award status. The Eco-Schools Team were full of praise for the school, highlighting the Eco-Committee and their commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause, the way the whole school is involved in activities to achieve maximum impacts and raise awareness in the school community, and how the Action Plan is being linked to the school curriculum. A tree has been planted to mark our Eco-School accreditation.

Mrs A Congalton & Mrs M Wilburn, Eco-Committee



Enterprise and House Drama Day 2023

The Enterprise and House Drama Day, held at the end of June, is one of the highlights of the school calendar and part of the tradition of the school.

All eight Houses performed their plays to their own and their sister House, with the finalists going through to the House Drama Finals.

Years 7 and 8 had a School Games day, with students taking part in an Interhouse competition. They chose one sport from table tennis, tennis, softball and ultimate frisbee, and then competed against the other Houses. All the points from the day were added to the overall Sports Cup competition.

Year 9 were involved in a Careers Activity carousel where they gained information on what can be done in the future with a chosen GCSE subject, as well as talks from guest speakers who spoke about their jobs and their career journeys.

Year 10 had an Enterprise Day with students taking part in a thrilling 'live trading' activity in which they needed resilience and adaptability to respond positively to ever-changing market conditions. They also practiced their sales and communication skills in a fun, light-hearted 'interview style' activity.

A Wellbeing session for Years 7 to 10 ran throughout the day focussing on Body Confidence, part of the Dove Self Esteem Programme. The session was aimed at supporting the students as they go into the summer holidays to feel confident about themselves, to become critical thinkers around the messages they are shown through the media regarding appearance ideals, and to be supportive to one another to promote the culture of kindness our school holds.



In the Sixth Form, Year 12 students were introduced to the UCAS process and also alternative pathways available, such as Higher Degree Apprenticeships. At the end of the session students knew how to register on the UCAS Hub and research and shortlist courses and universities, were introduced to Higher Degree Apprenticeships, and understood the requirements of the personal statement.

It was fantastic seeing the students involved in all the activities and plans are already starting for next year's Enterprise and House Drama Day.

House Drama 2023

We are delighted to announce that King House are the winners of Bishop Luffa House Drama Festival 2023 with their highly engaging and slick production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*, directed by Liesl Pilgrim, Amber Irvine, Emilia Barnett and Eleanor Farquhar.



Bishop Luffa's prestigious House Drama Festival was a lively event again this year, with a great range of drama achieved by all eight Houses. The Festival is a showcase of performing talent with Sixth Formers directing students from Years 7-10 in short play as part of a House competition. The four finalists performing to an audience of special guests, parents, carers and friends were: Andrewes House with *'Private Peaceful'*, Wilson House with *'Alice'*, Sherborne House with *'Beauty and the Beast'* and King House with *'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time'*. Our judge this year was ex-Luffa student, Lucy Betts, an award-winning, freelance stage director who has worked at many theatres across the country. Her feedback recognised the very high standard of performance work achieved by all four finalists. She also recalled how much House Drama meant to her when she was a student at Luffa. It was an electric evening and a wonderful celebration of Bishop Luffa Drama with a huge response from the audience and high tension during the judges feedback at the end.

Mrs N Furnell, Team Leader Drama



Schools Sailing Week

Bishop Luffa put together a team of 14 Fevas to enter the annual competition that is hosted at Itchenor Sailing Club. "Team Bishop Luffa" had the largest team of all schools with their 14 boats. The 28 sailors ranged from Year 7 to Year 10 students. Some of these are experienced racers who regularly compete at a national level, whilst for others this event was the

first time they had raced in fleet of over 100 boats. They certainly had their work cut out for them; Monday was challenging (and exciting) racing with two races held in a strong breeze with gusts of 28 knots. There was plenty of wind on Tuesday for the remaining four races with gusts of 20 knots. The top Luffa boat was Alex Sydenham (10An) and Alex Coles (10Sh) with a final place of 9th (out of 106 boats). Well done to all the competitors. Those who took part were Alice King (7Bu), Noah Chisnall (7Ki), Ted Probee (7Ki), Isla-Rae Brookes (7Ki), Thomas Mealing (7Ot), Luke Pendry (7Ri), George Phillips (8An), Ben Stewart (8An), Benjy Gardner (8Ot), Olaf Storton (8Ri), Cass Dent (8St), Zac Robst (8Wi), Matthew Board (9An), Matilda Gran (9Bu), Sophie Brookes (9Ki), Harry Hatfield (9Ki), Isabelle Tonks (9Ki), Charlie Mealing (9Ot), Ollie Mills (9Ot), Jack Gardner (9Ot), George Long (9Ot), Eva Jones (9St), Joe Clark (9Wi), Hugh Williams (9Wi), Alex Sydenham (10An), Ethan Hill (10Ot), Ollie Meaby (10Ri) and Alex Coles (10Sh). Thank you to HCP Media for providing us with photos from the event.

Bletchley Park and the National Museum of Computing

Twenty-four Computer Science students from Years 10, 11 and 12 visited Bletchley Park and the National Museum of Computing. They spent their time at Bletchley Park discovering the incredible achievements of Britain's World War Two Codebreakers in the place where it happened. The students had a fascinating session learning some of the secrets of the Lorenz machine (more effective but less well known than the iconic Enigma machine), including its use of binary operations to generate a number of key settings that dwarfed that of Enigma.



At the National Museum of Computing they were given a captivating tour that followed the development of computing: from the Turing-Welchman Bombe and Colossus of the 1940s, through the large systems and mainframes of the 1950s, 60s and 70s, to the advancement of personal computing and the rise of mobile computing and the internet. They finished off their day using virtual reality, stepping into another world with their Oculus Headsets; building communication skills by collaboratively solving fast-paced problems. A great day was had by all.

Mrs H Williams, Team Leader Computer Science

Chess Club News

Our Chess Club has achieved remarkable success, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. This included an exhilarating away match where our team emerged victorious in the chess tournament, triumphing over Chichester High School with a phenomenal score of 11.5 points to their 6.5 points. The skill and determination displayed by our students during this event are truly commendable, and we are filled with immense pride for their remarkable achievements. In June we had a competition against Seaford School, where we won 26 points to against Seaford's 4 points. Seaford only managing to secure one win and two draws. In July, on home turf, our team once again demonstrated their dominance over Chichester High School, emerging triumphant with an impressive score of 13.5 to Chichester's 3.5. The outstanding performance delivered by our Chess Club during this match was truly awe-inspiring.



The achievements of our Chess Club serve as a testament to the exceptional talent, unwavering dedication, and strong unity among our students. We take great pride in their outstanding performances and commend them for their relentless pursuit of excellence. With these remarkable victories fuelling our determination, we look forward to a bright future, confident in the abilities of our Chess Club as we continue to reach for even greater heights.

Mr D Tunthuwa, Teacher of Computer Science & Creative i-Media

Year 11 Prom



Our Year 11 students had a fantastic time at their Prom and we have received some lovely feedback from parents and carers. This formal occasion celebrated the end of Year 11's compulsory schooling and marked the parting of their ways as they go on their various post 16 pathways. In keeping with the tradition of this event, there was a formal entrance and mocktails on arrival. The prom was held in a large marquee where the students enjoyed pizzas, a hog roast and BBQ, before dancing the night away. To make the evening special there was a toast from the Head, and the evening culminated in a fantastic firework display.

A massive thank you has to go out to the Bishop Luffa Parents' & Friends' Association who put together this event for our students every year and give up so much of their own time.



Rumboldswyke have fun in Art!

In July students from Years 3 and 4 at Rumboldswyke CoE Primary School came to visit Bishop Luffa to take part in an art workshop. Recently they have been learning all about the Ancient Greeks and so came to make some pots and vases inspired by the artwork of that time. Students created a design and then learned different techniques of clay construction to build their artwork which they will be finishing off with paint. They were all very creative and had a fantastic day experimenting in the art department.

Miss L Thorpe, Team Leader Art



Year 10 Mock Interviews

In July the Rotary Club organised a mock interview event for our Year 10 students. With the support of 34 professionals from a range of businesses including the NHS, Irwin Mitchell, Chichester Festival Theatre, Lewis Brownlee, Chichester District Council, Pink Sauce Leasing, Chichester Recruitment, BAE Systems, Wiley, West Dean College, Avanti Training, Feel Good Films, Henry Adams, Goodwood, Trader Mate and Konsileo, the students in Year 10 were given coaching, guidance and a one to one interview with feedback.



It was wonderful to see the students grow in confidence throughout the session, from attending a briefing with members of the Rotary Club, which aimed to relax and prepare them, through to the formal interview, where they were asked a range of questions about themselves and offered tips and techniques for future experiences. The aim of the event was for students to leave feeling positive about the experience and confident with the interview process.

Mrs Faulkner, Head of Key Stage 4 said 'the students spoke so positively about the experience and we were delighted with how well it went. We are extremely grateful to the Rotary and interviewers for giving up their time to enable the students to have this opportunity'.

Mrs A Hopp, Careers Coordinator

From Luffa to Hogwarts...

The annual Film Studies and Media Studies department trip to the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio Tour was another resounding success. Our Year 10 Media and Year 12 Film & Media students had the chance to experience an interactive "Script to Screen" workshop in which they learned about the process of bringing a story to the big screen via writing, producing, shooting, special effects, set design and make up. Students had the chance to see genuine models, prosthetics and props from the Harry Potter films. Afterwards, we walked through the real sets and workspaces from the franchise. Students saw just how many thousands of people, skills and jobs it takes to make a film and we believe that this trip has made our learners realise that their hobbies, interests, talents and obsessions can transfer seamlessly into our country's hugely profitable and successful film and creative industries.



Mr G Evans, Team Leader - Media Studies

Sports Day avoids the rain as the records fall

Ten Sports Day records were broken on Wednesday 19th July as a first full Sports Day took place since 2019. Outstanding performances that stood out were Ben Stewart (8Andrewes) breaking the 100m, 800m and multi event competition for Year 8 boys. Reuben Shewan (7Wilson) also broke the Year 7 boys multi event record and shot put record that has stood since 1983.

Further records were set by Kitty Goodband (8Andrewes) in the multi event, Jake Laughton (9Otter) throwing the vortex 61.60 meters and Austen Uphill (9King) in the multi event.

Sports Day winners

Year 7 - Otter

Year 8 - King

Year 9 - Wilson

Year 10 – Ridgeway

Overall winners - King House



The Sports Day trophy was presented by Mr Andrew Putnam, who retired this term after teaching at Bishop Luffa School for 30 years. Well done to everyone that took part in the day and a big thank you to all the staff and PE team that helped the event run smoothly.

Mr T Godfray, Team Leader of PE



Sparx Maths Awards

During the last assembly of the year, the Head awarded the SPARX House Cup to King House. The top individual students also received an award for their SPARX Maths work:

- ◆ Tom Vosper (9King)
- ◆ Hollie Sandalls (7Otter)
- ◆ Megan McGlone (7Ridgeway)
- ◆ Lavinia Day (7Otter)
- ◆ Jenny Clarke (7King)
- ◆ Lexi Carbarns (8King)
- ◆ James Williams (7Burrows)
- ◆ Emily Wood (9Andrewes)
- ◆ Alvin Bineesh (7Wilson)
- ◆ Anna Swain (8King)



As a school we answered 1,632,642 maths questions correctly this academic year!

Head Teacher's Awards

Head Teacher Awards are given out at the end of the academic year to students who have shown outstanding commitment to their school and community. The following students received an Award for achieving the most House points for their House/Year Group this academic year:

- Andrewes House & Year 8 – Marion Lidec – 277 points
- Burrows House & Year 9 – Ghalia Tomeh – 254 points
- King House – Tom Vosper – 225 points
- Otter House – Harriet Cox – 257 points
- Ridgeway House – Blanka Maruszak – 204 points
- Sherborne House – Vishal Leo Thomas – 237 points
- Story House – Lewis Witts – 208 points
- Wilson House – Maurice Hatton – 200 points
- Year 7 – Scarlett Baker – 235 points
- Year 10 – Emilia Voisin – 213 points
- Year 11 – Tia Warne – 171 points



The winner of the Interhouse Cup for competitions throughout the year was Ridgeway House. This year's winner of the House Cup was Andrewes House with 17,326 points.



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Students secure excellent A'Level results

Students at Bishop Luffa School showed incredible resilience to secure excellent A-Level results. 40% of grades achieved were A*-A, 69% were A*-B and 91% were A*-C. 75% students will be attending their first choice university, despite this being a difficult year for university admissions.



Head Teacher Austen Hindman said: 'this group of students were taking national exams for the first time. They've been through lock-downs and online learning, and many of them had Covid while taking their exams. In spite of this they achieved an amazing set of results. We are incredibly proud of them.'

'These students have been leaders throughout the last two years, helping younger students cope with the pressure of Covid and showing us all how important community is. They are a year group that we will never forget.'

There were many individual successes, with 32 students achieving straight As or A*. Caleb Cossar, Ollie Dixon, Beatrice Harmston, Chris Lowes, George Murphy, and Alice Rubli all achieved 3 A* grades, Angus Matthews achieving a fantastic 4 A* grades and Will Lynas an amazing 5 A* grades during his time at Bishop Luffa!

Bishop Luffa students will be studying many different subjects at universities across the country, including creative arts, marketing, humanities, science and mathematics.

Five Bishop Luffa students will be studying at either Oxford or Cambridge next year: Amenie Groves to read Modern & Medieval Languages at Cambridge; Alice Rubli reading French & Portuguese at Oxford; Rachel Turner to read History at Oxford, George Murphy reading Economics at Cambridge, and Leila Karim (who achieved 4 A*s in last year's A'levels) will be reading Engineering at Cambridge.

We also have five students off to study medicine, veterinary science and dentistry. Our medics are Amelia Bromell at Exeter, and Tabitha Sullivan and Maisie Tate at Birmingham. Jodie Moore will study veterinary medicine at Nottingham, and Molly Riggs is off to Plymouth to study dental surgery.

Head of Sixth Form Jamie Saunders said, 'This year group have been amazing to work with. They have faced so many challenges over the last few years but remained steadfast throughout and achieved their goals. They are a very diverse group of strong characters and it has been wonderful to see them support each other so well throughout their A-levels. Remarkably, they have also found the time to raise over £9000 for their three Sixth Form charities, through the Fashion Show and Charity Week. They know how to have a good time, too, and live life to the full, having thoroughly enjoyed and made the most of our social celebrations, such as the Winter and Summer Balls! They will all be sorely missed by us here, but we know that they leave us extremely well-equipped with the skills required to face exciting futures ahead.'

Amy's Animal Adventures

During the summer holidays Amy Joyce (13King) attended The RVC Sutton Trust Veterinary Summer School and had an amazing and inspiring time.

Amy shared her thoughts on her time there, "Spending a week at the Royal Veterinary College Sutton Trust Summer School in London was absolutely amazing and I would encourage anyone

interested in veterinary to apply to it! I was able to experience life as a veterinary medicine student, getting to use the labs to grow and investigate bacteria, learning how to suture up a wound, looking after farm animals and exploring newly discovered veterinary research! Whilst there, we were also able to explore the on-campus Veterinary Clinic The Queen Mother Hospital for Animals and meet all of the clients. Not only was I able to do all this, but I also got to live on campus in a student house with four other people who were just as excited about veterinary as I was! It has only made me more passionate about being a Vet, and I would recommend that everyone looks at the amazing opportunities that the Sutton Trust offer."



Computer Science in Action



We had a great time at the *Computer Science in Action* event in London. After a scenic train journey and stroll through Westminster, we made it to the Emmanuel Center, and what a wonderful venue it was. It felt fitting to be learning about the future of technology in a place steeped in such rich history.

The topics of the lectures were varied but all immensely interesting. Yee Mun Lee's talk on self-

driving cars offered a new, pedestrian perspective on the problems of automated vehicles, while James Arthur's lecture on the relationship between Computer Science and Mathematics fascinated us with their philosophical outlook on the existence of truth. Dr Miranda Mowbray then revealed how shockingly similar the election system of 13th century Venice was to algorithms used by machine learning software, a clear sign of how much we have to learn from the past. After a whistle-stop tour of Westminster's most iconic landmarks during our lunch break, we returned for some great exam top tips before continuing with the lectures. Professor Matthew Leeke engaged and slightly spooked us with his tales of how simple data from our smartphones can be used to fully map out our lives, inspiring us to be vigilant with our data. Finally Mark Jago's talk on Alan Turing perplexed us with Turing's early computation, and reminded us of just how far computer science has come in just 70 years. It was an excellent trip, and we all learned so much from it about the past, present and future of computer science. We left inspired and excited by the advancements the future holds, and the parts we may yet play in making them happen.



Wilf Kieran (13Sherborne)



Sixth Form Fashion Show

The Sixth Form Committee again organised a fantastic Sixth Form Fashion Show in November, raising £7,000 for their three charities—the Grassroots Trust, Sussex Snowdrop Trust and Sanctuary in Chichester.



Making Memories with our Spanish Partner School

Our partner school from Spain visited us again in January, this time with Year 12 (80 students) and what a wonderful day we had! We enjoyed playing games to get to know each other better, eating lunch together and painting a mural in the Language corridor. Our students and the Spanish students made lovely memories to remember for many years!



Before our visitors left, we took a group photo all together and planned a lot of activities for our visit to their school in Tenerife next term.

**Mrs E Lopez-Gamero,
Team Leader of Spanish & International School Coordinator**



History at Hampton Court



In January our Year 12 historians visited the impressive Hampton Court Palace where they walked, literally, in the footsteps of Henry VIII. The visit, undertaken to support their studies of the early and mid Tudor periods, served to immerse them in the dramatic history of this place and allowed them to experience the opulence of the Tudor court, helping to bring their studies to

life. The weather was dry enough for the students to take in the extensive grounds and of course to pit their wits against each other in the famous maze!

Miss K Hurry, Teacher of History & Head of King House

Pool, No Water by Mark Ravenhill

Congratulations to Rosie Wilkie (13King) for directing this year's intense Sixth Form Production, performed in the intimate space of our Drama Studio. It was a phenomenally powerful, thought provoking and slick performance by a very talented Sixth Form ensemble made up of Esme Foster, Spencer Dixon, Michelle Kedra-Wolinska, Adam Fergusson, Emily Hunt and Rosie Wilkie.



Thank you for the support of our audience and for all the positive feedback. We look forward to seeing what next year's Sixth Form production will bring.

Mrs N Furnell, Team Leader Drama

Memorable Media Magazine Conference



In January Year 12 Media and Film Studies students were lucky enough to visit the BFI in London, Southbank where the A-level Media Magazine conference took place this year. Speakers such as Simon Bird and David Hesmondhalgh presented their ideas and guidance to young aspiring journalists, producers, directors and more.

Students had a lecture delivered by top journalists from The Guardian newspaper, and Lucy McCormick illustrated to the students the technological advances that newspapers are making, in an effort to move more online. The Sixth Formers were shown a range of job opportunities within the industry and given details of future projects and ways to keep in touch.

Following this was Simon Bird - Actor (*Inbetweeners*, *Friday Night Dinner*), director, comedian (a firm favourite with the students!); Maitrayee Basu – University lecturer specialising in activism and afrofuturism; Alex Kayode-Kay - Director of the BAFTA nominated short film *The Ballad of Olive Morris*; David Hesmondhalgh - Key A-Level theorist (Senior Lecturer in Media and Communications at Leeds University), and Anamik Saha – Leeds University Media lecturer, spoke mostly about the legacy of influential theorist and media sociologist, Stuart Hall.

We left the conference with a strong sense of direction as to where our Media/Film/English qualifications can take us in the future. Student feedback showed that Basu and Kayode-Kay were the most inspiring of the speakers; giving them an idea as to what a role in the industry could look like and how positive the modern media is becoming - as a way to act on previous and modern political and racial issues. We thoroughly enjoyed Simon Bird's interview too as he is very current and his work is very relevant to teens today, who tend to appreciate the comedy of the sitcom - *The Inbetweeners*. Bird was asked numerous questions about how he broke into the industry. He spoke fondly about his memories, giving an insight to students and modestly claiming a lot of his success was based on 'pure luck'. He was enthusiastic about his upcoming projects for Channel 4 and his new Sit-Com, *Everyone Else Burns*.

Amelie Pullen (12Andrewes), Emilia Barnett (12King) & Cassie Bailey (12Story)

An Insight into the Creative Industry

Our A-Level Film Studies and Media Studies had the chance to experience what goes into the special effects sequences of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters when they were visited by Animation Director Max Tyrie. Max talked through the theory and processes of special effects and character animation through exclusive clips, industry project materials and resources (for films such as Kingsmen, The Amazing Spider-man and many more), before giving students an



insight to the Creative Industry courses offered at the nearby £35m Tech Park through Chichester University. These courses include undergraduate and post-graduate qualifications in game design, effects, screenwriting and filmmaking. We look forward to connecting with Max and his team again soon and are working on taking the student to the Tech Park for an interactive industry experience day.

Mr G Evans, Teacher in charge of Media & Film Studies

Animal Antics at Marwell Zoo



In February Year 12 Psychology students visited Marwell Zoo for a conference that included the learning of and application of observational studies. This is an important research method on their exam board specification. They also re-visited their learning of classical and operant conditioning.

The students took part in a pilot study to trial their observation procedure and then refined their method with the guidance of the conference leaders. They then carried out a comparative observational study of their two chosen animals and their behaviours. Analysis of data and presentation of their findings to each other and Marwell staff was next. Students were encouraged to evaluate their methods and many recognised that opting to compare their favourite animals wasn't a wise choice... it's hard to find useful behaviours to compare between a giraffe and a penguin! It was a great way to end the half term. Olivia Baggott, 12 Andrewes, gave her thoughts on the day:

"On our day at Marwell Zoo we had the opportunity to gain primary data by observing our chosen animals. We chose from all the animals available in the zoo and observed their behaviour and identified coding categories. In my investigation I observed the meerkats and ring-tailed lemurs. We looked for their similarities and differences in the way they interacted, moved, ate and presented. The findings from our observation found that lemurs were a lot more static and less alert than the energetic meerkats, who were always standing to attention. The trip altogether really helped to put into practice the observational sampling techniques we have studied: time and event sampling and recognise the limitations and strengths of these methods. It was also a very fun day out."

Ms T Marchant, Teacher of Psychology

Luffa. Tarantino. Hitchcock.

Our Year 12 and 13 Film Studies students got a fantastic, additional insight into two of their set exam texts and their directors during an exclusive seminar at New Park Cinema. This year's film exam texts include Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction* and Hitchcock's *Vertigo* and students were given insights to the directors' lives, careers and seminal films through clips and extensive research. Reviews from the Film Studies classes are in:

Anna Gehr (12Otter) - "The lecture at New Park greatly developed my knowledge on The Auteur Theory. By walking through the films of Hitchcock and Tarantino I was able to notice certain patterns carried throughout their works, and learned of their particular techniques and aesthetics. I found it particularly interesting that Hitchcock made over fifty films while Tarantino has a small collection of nine, but they all carry their signature and can both be considered auteurs - no matter how different their careers. This opportunity has prepared our film studies class nicely for our study of the theory next year. I have a new respect for these films and their filmmakers, the New Park talk has changed how I will approach our Auteur unit entirely."

James Hume (12Ridgeway) - "I really enjoyed attending the visit to the New Park Cinema as it gave an amazing insight into the world of Quentin Tarantino and how he made his films. It was also fascinating to discover more about the classic filmmaker, Alfred Hitchcock and films such as *Vertigo*, *Rear Window* and *The Birds*."

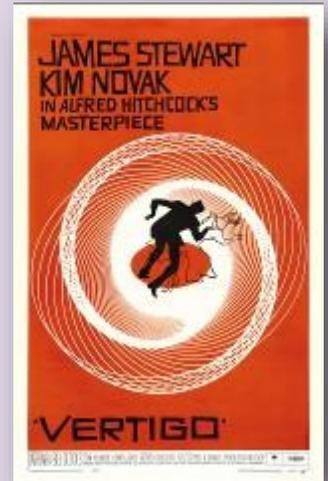


Grace Livings (12Otter) - "The Film Studies trip to New Park Cinema trip was really useful, as we got a deeper insight to the way Alfred Hitchcock and Quentin Tarantino direct and construct a few of their most famous movies. Clips were shown from various of each director's movies to give us a broader understanding of their filming traits and styles. The trip really gave me more context on the directors that I didn't know before."

Morgan Glew (13Sherborne) - "New Park cinema was a great experience - my first time being there; the experience has made me want to come back. It gave more of a meaning to cinema and made the experience much more enjoyable."

We would like to thank Walter Francisco and the staff at New Park for providing us with yet another bespoke film education experience, especially Patrick Hargood for his wonderful presentations.

Mr G Evans, Teacher in charge of Media & Film Studies



Charity Week 2023

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise an incredible £9,600 during our Charity Week and the Fashion Show, supporting three amazing charities.

- The Grassroots Trust Tanzania aims to relieve the poverty wherever they can, supplying children with the necessities needed to succeed from school fees to healthcare.
- Sussex Snowdrop Trust provides nursing care at home for local children who have a life-threatening or terminal illness.
- Sanctuary in Chichester offers a range of support activities for refugees and asylum seekers locally.

The week involved a series of lunchtime shows, culminating in a whole school Fancy Dress Non-Uniform Day. A fantastic fun-filled week!





Classical Students visit the British Museum

Students taking Classical Civilisation A Level from Years 12 and 13 travelled to London together to visit the British Museum and attend a modern production of an Ancient Greek play.



At the British Museum we were able to see, first hand, the ancient clues that shape our evidence for the world of Greek theatre and the lives of women and their marriages in the Classical world. After a quick lunch we went to Soho Place to experience a production of Euripides' Medea with the amazing Sophie Okonedo playing Medea. Exploring the themes of alienation, power and family, the Medea still horrifies, moves and makes us think about the human cost of decisions made by those with power. This production presented these ideas powerfully and mirrored the demi-goddess, Medea's emotions in 'weather', including rain that soaked the actors! A wonderful day out for all.

Ms C Barnett, Teacher of Classical Civilisation

Year 12 RE Day



Year 12 students were invited to join the debate on: "Is there room for religion in a secular world?" They looked at articles on politics, scientific research, celebrity culture and explored census data too, to unpack this question further. Students then presented their ideas on stage to their peers. We had some fantastic persuasive arguments shared throughout the course of the morning and some breakfast to enjoy along the way too. The session was brought to a close by the wonderful Richard Carter, who is the families and youth worker at St. John's Church, Southbourne. Both Richard and myself were incredibly impressed with how confidently all students put their arguments forward and inspired us, providing plenty of food for thought.

Mrs C Duke, Team Leader - RE

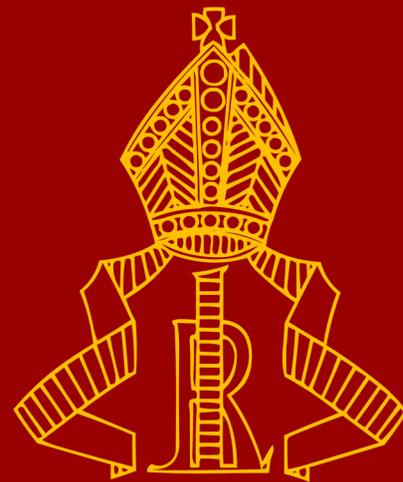
Year 13 Leavers' Ball

In June our Year 13 students had a fantastic evening at Chichester Yacht Club celebrating the end of their time at Bishop Luffa Sixth Form. A great night was had by all.





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