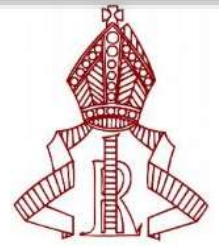


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Dear friends of Bishop Luffa School,

We ask a lot of our Sixth Form students and the data suggests that they deliver. As well as excellent academic results, this year's Sixth Form have broken fund-raising records, mentored students, run rehearsals for House Drama and taken part in gruelling elections for School Captain. If the Sixth Form were a business, you would invest. If they were a country, Donald Trump would be slapping on tariffs.

But the real impact of our Sixth Form students is far deeper than the headlines and will last a lifetime. Our younger students have watched Sixth Formers join-in with whatever the school throws at them, regardless of how they'll look or how others might perceive them. These young people are the strongest role models that our community could have, the perfect antidote to the issues that dominate the news. And they seem to get stronger each year, not, as the media would have us believe, weaker and less resilient.

We will soon celebrate Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit. I think that these incredible young people show us the role that the Holy Spirit plays in our world today. As life gets harder, our young people are given what they need to rise and meet the challenge.

I hope you enjoy reading about another half term at Bishop Luffa School!

Austen Hindman
Head Teacher.



Our new school captains for 2025 – 26
Scarlette Guilfoyle (12Andrewes) & Rupert Reddington (12Otter)

Chicken Week

In the last week of term before Easter we held Bishop Luffa School's first ever 'Chicken Week'. We started the week with an Easter bake sale and were joined at lunchtime by the Rev Celia Woodruff for our Chicken Blessing. Father Phill also joined in and the hens and their run were blessed with Holy Water sprinkled on them with sprigs of Rosemary by the students. We expressed our gratitude for the joy the hens bring to students and prayed that they may continue to stay safe and healthy.

On Wednesday lunchtime we held a Scavenger Hunt around school which was enjoyed by everyone who took part. The week finished with

'Dress as a Chicken (or wear something yellow) Day'. There were some fabulous outfits, including Alfie Acquah (10Andrewes), Karina Bovkun (8Sherborne), Fern Carter (7Story) and Harry Edwards (10Ridgeway), together with numerous members of staff.



Dress as a Chicken Day to make it a memorable week. We raised a total of £705.28 over the week which means we have now raised enough money to get running water to the Chickens and to the Chicken HQ outbuilding.



Throughout the week, at break time stall there was a competition to name our newest rescue hens. The winning names are Peggy, PomPom, Deardry and Clucks, chosen by Indigo Clark-Lyons (8King), Dasha Pohrebetska (7Story), Jack Byrne (8Otter) and Mrs Stone.

Thank you to everyone who helped out, contributed, bought Raffle tickets or dressed up on

Louisa Fowles, Teacher of History

Students shine in National TeenTech Awards Programme

At the start of the Spring term, a group of ambitious Bishop Luffa students took on the exciting challenge of entering the national TeenTech Awards programme—an initiative designed to inspire and empower the next generation of innovators.



TeenTech runs dynamic, award-supported initiatives to help teenagers develop essential skills, gain meaningful experiences, and make valuable connections for future careers. The organisation collaborates with companies, universities, and education-business partnerships to deliver imaginative programmes, particularly targeting regions of greater social need across the UK and Europe. Founded in 2008 by Maggie Philbin and Chris Dodson, TeenTech is a nationally recognised charity focused on exposing young people to the wide variety of career opportunities within science, technology, and engineering. The charity's structured interventions support students throughout their academic journey and beyond, encouraging long-term engagement with STEM-based innovation.

Bishop Luffa School proudly submitted five inventive entries this year:

- Solomon Sutton (11Ridgeway): *Super Effective Alarm Clock*
- Bella Wright (10Burrows): *Dryline*
- Ari Hayman (8Andrewes): *Rotating Fridge*
- Harry Bonney (7Ridgeway): *Safety Steering Wheel*
- Thomas Brackenbury (7Wilson): *Plate Warmer*

Each student received detailed and encouraging feedback from industry judges, who were impressed with the creativity and practicality of their ideas. We are thrilled to announce that Harry Bonney (7Ridgeway) has been selected as a finalist with his innovative idea, the *Safety Steering Wheel*. Harry will now progress to the TeenTech Finals, which will be held at the prestigious Savoy IET London on 27th June 2025. There, he will pitch his concept to leading professionals in the Safety and Security sector.

This is an incredible achievement, and we wish Harry the best of luck as he prepares to showcase his design on the national stage.

James Bonney, Head of Design Technology

Luffa Cheerleaders

Congratulations to the Bishop Luffa Year 7 and 8 Cheerleading Team who competed in the *Spring Spirit* competition at the K2 in Crawley.

Greta Davis (7Andrewes) was 'Cheer Captain' and the other team members were Rose Ockwell (8Andrewes), Florence Symonds (7Andrewes), Marni Haigh (7Wilson), Summer-Jade Fish (7Ridgeway), Daisy Sparshatt (7Otter), Hannah Coles (8Sherborne), Lois Webley (8Sherborne), Sasha McDonald (7Ridgeway) and Ayla Tran (7Ridgeway).



The atmosphere at the event was electric! The professional teams were awe-inspiring, and the Bishop Luffa Cheerleaders came out confidently giving it their all. The trainers, parents and carers were so proud of them.



After just a couple of terms, for one hour a week after school, they secured 4th place in the Schools Category. What an amazing achievement.



Tim Godfray, Team Leader of PE

Barcelona Sports Tour 2025

Students from Bishop Luffa School have returned from a highly successful sports tour to Barcelona, filled with football, netball, sightseeing and sunshine.



The group landed safely in Barcelona to perfect spring weather, with smooth airport processes making for a calm and cheerful start. On arrival, students explored the Gothic Quarter and Parc de la Ciutadella, before heading to their hotel. The brave few even tested the icy cold pool—though not even seasoned swimmers Megan and Elsie could stay in for long!

Training began immediately on day 2, with both football and

netball squads working hard in sessions led by expert coaches. The netballers focused on passing, footwork and shooting drills, while the girls' football team trained on ball control and finishing before securing a 7–5 win in their tour match against El Vendrell. Standout performances included a hat-trick from Ismay and superb goalkeeping from Sophia. The boys' footballers faced tough opposition against FC Almeda and a late return after their evening match, which unfortunately ended in defeat. Despite this, Basil and Alex impressed with strong performances. Earlier that day, their training focused on ball control and attacking plays.



Tournament day brought excitement and even more success. The Year 9 netball team won all three group games to reach the final, eventually finishing runners-up—a huge improvement from last year. Amy and Lilly were awarded players of the tournament. The Year 8 team played with relentless intensity, finishing third in their pool. Chloe was named player of the tournament by Masterclass coaches, with Percy receiving Miss Unitt’s player of the tournament award.

The girls’ football team performed admirably despite facing older opposition, holding their own to finish third in their group. Ismay and Jess earned player of the tournament awards for their efforts. The boys’ football team bounced back brilliantly, finishing third overall, with Basil and Alex recognised for their contributions. Will also received the player of the match award from their earlier Spanish friendly. A special award was given to Isabella, in recognition of her dedication, kindness, and contributions across two tours.

Between matches, students enjoyed time relaxing by the pool, playing beach sports, and even taking part in karaoke. The tour ended with sightseeing in Valencia, including a visit to the iconic Mestalla Stadium and a walking tour of the historic city centre.

After a safe return to Heathrow and a coach journey home to Chichester, staff reported very tired but happy students. Many are already planning for next year’s tour, with hopes of visiting the renovated Nou Camp and taking part in more exciting fixtures. Follow tour highlights and photos on Instagram: [@BishopLuffaPE](https://www.instagram.com/BishopLuffaPE)

A video of tour highlights can be viewed by [clicking on this link](#) and lots of photos can be found at <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/home/student-leadership/photo-gallery/barcelona-sports-tour-2025/>



**Ellen Unitt, Luke Hill, Toby Buck and Tim Godfray,
Tour Team**

History students get 'Egg-stremely' Creative!

To encourage a creative approach to learning, and with a tenuous link to Easter, KS3 History students were encouraged to create a historical scene around the humble egg. This 'egg-stra – curricular (!)' activity encouraged some 'egg-stremely' (!) imaginative ideas, ranging from Eggeline Pankhurst to the Oval Office. It was an 'egg-cellent' (!) way for students to think about their learning in different ways and to 'think outside the (egg!) box'. In all seriousness, any activity that helps students to think creatively, and shows that learning can be done in different ways, is a great way of developing skills and understanding. With chocolate egg prizes for the most creative, the History staff were delighted by the effort put in and the efforts are to be commended.

Justin Barnett, Head of Humanities



Bishop Luffa commemorates VE Day

Across the week leading up to the 8th May, staff and students marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day in a number of ways. Mr Hindman's online assembly on the 8th served to highlight the importance of commemoration, and involved readings in multiple languages to reflect the widespread nature of the conflict. Alongside this assembly, our 'Connect' resources for the preceding week focused on the significance of VE Day, and we were also fortunate to have a superb display created by Miss Sutton to help illustrate the event we are remembering. We also joined in the national two-minute silence at midday on the 8th.





There was also music from the era at break and lunchtime in the Bartlett Hall, and the canteen added a patriotic twist to some of the food on offer. We were also involved in the VE Mail project and some of our students wrote letters to a veteran as part of this initiative. BBC Surrey & Sussex came into school earlier in the week to talk to some of our students about their letters.

As the survivors of events 80 years ago reduce in number, we can be confident that Bishop Luffa students will keep the memory of their suffering and sacrifice alive, understanding why this event mustn't be forgotten.

Justin Barnett, Head of Humanities

House Photography Competition 'Spring 2025'

Thank you to everyone who took part in the House Photography Competition. Entries were of a very high standard and there were some beautifully composed shots. Jonah Kus in 7King deserves a special mention for the fantastic photos that he entered. The theme of 'Spring' was explored fully and the pictures were a joy to judge. Sadly, no-one submitted a picture of a spring roll! The winners of the competition were:

1st place – Jonah Kus (7King)

2nd place – Libby Hall (7King)

3rd place – Chloe Snelling (8Sherborne)

All the photos from the competition can be found on the school website

<https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/home/student-leadership/photo-gallery/spring-photography-house-competition-2025/>

Jas Stone, Head of Otter House



Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who have been taking part in Sports events outside of school.



In April Sam Machell (9Burrows) went to Lake Garda for the 43rd Optimist meeting 2025 in Italy. Over 800 young sailors from 43 countries were battling it out on the water. The regatta consisted of three qualifier days, dividing the junior sailors into gold, silver, bronze, emerald and pearl fleets

on the final day of the regatta. The sailors were met with some tricky and unstable weather conditions, testing them all. 41 strong GBR sailors took part in the competition. 13 sailors make it to Gold Fleet and 15 sailors, including Sam, make it into Silver Fleet, ending as the 7th British boat in the Silver Fleet.



Sam then competed in the GBR Teams Selections Trials in Weymouth at the beginning of May. It was a very tough competition with four days training prior to the event, and four days racing, fighting for a GBR international place. Only a very limited number of sailors, out of a total of 78, get a place in the team and the competition was fierce. Day 1 was cancelled due to lack of wind and there were tricky weather conditions on day 2 with very light winds. The wind finally returned on the last two days and Sam ended up 31st overall, with a 5th place in the last race. This qualified Sam for Development Team 2 going to represent GBR in the French Nationals in July, but unfortunately this clashed with the RS Feva Worlds in France which Sam is attending. We wish Sam all the best in this competition.



Congratulations to Libby Johnson (11Sherborne) who has had some big success at the recent Regional South East Swimming Championships held at High Wycombe.

Libby managed to finish in both the 50m Freestyle, coming overall 6th, and 50m Butterfly getting 3rd and a bronze medal in a tightly contested race against some tough opposition. Hopefully this puts her in good stead to qualify for Nationals in the Summer.

International Training Programme

As part of Bishop Luffa International Training Programme, we welcomed four trainees from South Korea in collaboration with the University of Chichester. They spent a week with us observing lessons and learning about the English education system. They also taught some Korean lessons to our students. We learnt about their language, traditions and schools on South Korea. During registration time our Korean friends also spent time getting to know Year 8 and Year 10.



We played some Korean games and listened to some Korean music, something our students really enjoyed! Our students' favourite activity was receiving some personalised postcards from students in South Korea and writing postcards back to them in English and Korean. Students were super excited and fully engaged in all these sessions. On their last day at Bishop Luffa we prepared a farewell session and a traditional English Pub Quiz to see how much our Korean friends have learnt about English culture. It turned out they got most of the answers right!

Elizabeth López Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish

Wild Readers Trip to T.S. Resolute at CYE

Books give a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything”
Plato

Wild Readers is an initiative that pairs reading with being active and [outdoors](#). In addition to weekly paired reading in the school library, involving student mentors, student librarians, passionate readers, students who don't speak English at home and those who might need a nudge to enjoy the world of books, it incorporates an optional residential trip at Christian Youth Enterprises (CYE) in beautiful Cobnor.



This year's two-day Wild Readers trip was a whistle-stop adventure: reading “The Glorious Race of Magical Beasts”; head-torches at the ready for a spot of reading whilst tunnelling (CYE have the second longest man-made tunnel in Europe); and many tranquil moments of reading, from resting in your kayak on the water to devouring the next chapter whilst sailing a longboat in the harbour. Then, after dinner, everyone

enjoyed a beach walk in the gloaming with the latest instalment of the book read aloud by students and staff to the group, culminating with a campfire and stories.

Here are a few of our students' thoughts on wild reading:

"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."

"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."



This was an exceptional couple of days for all involved, leading to huge achievements, such as facing fears, making new friends, trying new activities and learning new skills, but, most importantly, igniting a spark for a new-found love of reading.

Mx George Thomas, Librarian

Success at the Textiles Skills Centre Competition – Janome UK

Following an inspiring visit to *The Stitch Festival* in London, Year 12 A-Level Fashion & Textiles student Amy Parfoot (12Ridgeway) has achieved fantastic success in a national competition hosted by the *Textiles Skills Centre* in collaboration with Janome UK.

During the school trip, Amy took part in a hands-on workshop run by the *Textiles Skills Centre*, which offered students the chance to qualify for their exclusive competition. Thanks to her creativity and skill, Amy was selected as a winner and received an incredible goody bag packed with high-quality textiles tools and equipment.



This generous prize will support Amy as she continues her A-Level Fashion & Textiles course, and we're incredibly proud of her achievement. Well done, Amy!

James Bonney, Head of Design & Technology

Law Students visit Portsmouth Magistrates Court

On Monday 19th May, the A'Level Law class went to Portsmouth Magistrates Court. We were hosted by two Magistrates, JP Stone and JP Latham, who had been in to see us earlier in the year to talk about the role of Magistrates in the Criminal Justice System.

Our hosts spoke to us between cases to give us context and the 'insider perspective'. We witnessed eight cases which ranged from shoplifting to breaking bail conditions. It was really interesting to see the various professionals at work and exciting to see all the law we have been studying come to life.



Fiona Langstone, Teacher of Law

GreenPower Success at Tockwith Airfield, York

Bishop Luffa's F24 GreenPower team kicked off their racing season in style at Tockwith Airfield, York, with an outstanding performance at their first Heat race of the year.

The team quickly found their rhythm, finishing first in their category and second overall. "It was a long journey to York, but very rewarding," stated Lucas Barty (10King), reflecting on the team's achievements. Joe Chisnall (10King) stated "we also had the opportunity to carry out a cultural walk around York."



Over recent months the team has expanded, recruiting two promising new drivers — AJ Lewendon (7Ridgeway) and Mylo Boarer (8King) — joining Harry Bonney (7Ridgeway) behind the wheel. All three demonstrated incredible skill and composure on the challenging course, navigating tricky bends and heavy traffic with confidence. Their momentum continued into Race Two, where they once again secured first place in their category — an incredible achievement for such a young team. Backing up the drivers was a highly experienced pit crew made up of Joe Chisnall (10King), Lucas Barty (10King), and Luke Pendry (9Ridgeway). Their efforts ensured that the team's car, 'Mercury', was in top condition for both races, playing a crucial role in the team's success.

A huge well done to the entire GreenPower team for their dedication, teamwork, and excellent performance. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the season brings!

James Bonney, Head of Design Technology

Jack Challen Makes History

Jack Challen (8Ridgeway) scored an unbeaten 103 not out in a recent Sussex County Cup cricket match against The Regis School. To the best of my knowledge Jack is the first person to score a century for the school. Jack's batting was elegant and full of power leading him to scoring three 6s and 11 4s. This is an incredible achievement and one that will take some beating. The team face Steyning Grammar School in the next round. Well done Jack!

Tim Godfray, Team Leader of PE



Year 7 'Proyecto Mafalda'

Every summer term our Year 7 students take part on our "Proyecto Mafalda" as part of their Spanish lessons. Students have been learning Spanish using the "Mafalda" comics and at the end of the term they design their own "Mafaldas". "Mafalda" is a world known Spanish comic character and her comics have been used to send message of peace and love around the world for many years. Every year our students create their own posters and write down lovely messages in Spanish. We then use their artwork to decorate the Languages room.



This year the work produced by our students have been outstanding and their creations have varied from drawings and paintings to clay dolls and decorative sculptures. We were very impressed by their commitment and dedication to learning Spanish!



The winner of the "Proyecto Mafalda 2025" is Grace Bragaglia (7Otter) who won an original Mafalda comic in Spanish. We hope you enjoy it Grace!

Elizabeth López Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish

Athletics Track & Field Cup

Well done to the Year 9 and 10 girls' who have qualified for the South East of England Track and Field Cup A final. To qualify for this Final you have to be one of the top 10 scoring teams in round one, our area includes Surrey, Sussex and Kent. To the best of my knowledge we are the only state school in this final, this is only the second time we have reached this final in the past 7 years.

Extended congratulations to the year 9 and 10 boys' who have qualified for the South East of England B final. They had to finish in the proceeding 20 places.

The boys Final takes place on Monday 16th June at the K2 in Crawley and the girls' on Thursday 19th June at Medway Sports Centre, Kent. I am looking for a sponsor for this event, if you would like more details please email me GodfrayT@bishopluffa.org.uk. Already this year there have been seven school athletics records broken!

West Sussex West School Games Standings

As we come into the final half term of the school year here are the latest standings for all of the league and festivals our school has taken part in this year. This is an amazing achievement by everyone that has represented the school, we have not won every event but we have taken part in nearly every event. Well done everyone.

BL	BCC	CHS	CFS	FCC	GB	MRC	OSVA	SPH	TAS	TRS	TPS
584	318	331	200	315	43	271	208	494	90	472	192
1	5	4	9	6	12	7	8	2	11	3	10

National Recognition for Dylan in STEM On Track Kart Design Competition

A number of Bishop Luffa students took part in the STEM On Track national competition this term, which challenged students to design a kart livery that reflects the spirit of their school and community, while celebrating innovation in STEM and motorsport. The brief encouraged students to think creatively and produce an iconic, timeless design that truly stands out on the track.

We are delighted to share that Dylan Paige (7Wilson) achieved an impressive Top 20 placement from a large field of entries submitted by schools across the country.



Dylan's design was praised for its creativity, bold concept, and the way it captured the essence of both Bishop Luffa School and modern STEM values. As a reward for his fantastic work, Dylan has been offered complimentary tickets to attend the STEM On Track National Finals at Whilton Mill in June. This is a brilliant achievement and a reflection of Dylan's passion, talent, and attention to detail.

James Bonney, Head of Design Technology

School Magazine

This half term has seen the re-launch of the school magazine, *The Cicestrian*. The magazine was edited by Kit Dunning in Year 13 and features a range of articles and pictures from students from Year 7 to Year 13. The topics were as varied as you might expect, including articles about the evolution of language, the importance of money, online gambling and a feature on the former Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan.

We are really pleased to see the magazine being re-established and plans for the next edition before the end of the year are already in the works – if any students have something they want to contribute, please ask them to come and talk to Mr Allman and make their voice heard!

Keith Allman, Teacher of English

Year 12 Product Design Students Shine at Goodwoof 2025

Goodwoof 2025 proved to be an unforgettable experience for our Year 12 A'Level Product Design students, way back in the autumn term our students ventured on their own Barkitecture project within school - where creativity meets canine comfort! Following on from their own projects, students were offered the opportunity to attend Goodwoof 2025.

Hosted in the beautiful grounds of Goodwood, the event brought together design professionals, dog lovers, and aspiring creators. Students had the incredible opportunity to meet and gain inspiration from renowned British designer, writer, and television presenter Kevin McCloud, who offered insight and encouragement on design ideas.



Throughout the day, students engaged with industry experts, explored innovative approaches to animal architecture, and most importantly, had plenty of opportunities to interact with some very enthusiastic four-legged guests. From stylish kennels to functional outdoor dog spaces.

With the sun shining and the creative ideas flowing, it was a fantastic day of learning, inspiration, and celebration of design in a real-world context. A huge well done to our students for representing Bishop Luffa School with such professionalism and enthusiasm.

James Bonney, Head of Design Technology

Duke of Edinburgh Award 2025-26

The Duke of Edinburgh Award was launched this week to Year 8 and Year 9 and students have been emailed a link to a Google Form to submit their applications. From September 2025, Year 9 will complete the Bronze Award and Year 10 will complete the Silver Award. This may be disappointing for some students but the decision was made to enable Year 11 students to concentrate fully on their GCSE's. To help students decide, I have set up a Google Classroom with the launch presentations in for you to discuss at home, the code is hnb2b4mq. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email dofe@bishopluffa.org.uk.



Kat Wells, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Covers Timber Director Inspires Y10 Product Design Students

During the first part of the summer term, Bishop Luffa School was delighted to welcome Neil Woods, Timber Director at COVERS Timber Merchants, to speak with our Year 10 Product Design students. Neil generously shared his extensive knowledge and expertise, offering students a valuable insight into the properties, uses, and finishes of a wide variety of timbers. He expertly categorised different types of wood, helping students understand the practical applications and design considerations behind material selection—an essential part of their GCSE coursework.



We are extremely fortunate to have support from local industry professionals who give their time to enrich our students' learning. This visit not only brought classroom theory to life but also highlighted the important link between education and real-world industry.

A huge thank you to Neil Woods and COVERS for their continued support and the growing partnership with our Design & Technology department.

James Bonney, Head of Design Technology

CU Residential 2025

Christian Union (CU) students and staff had the great blessing of heading off on our annual weekend away in May, at Christian Youth Enterprises (CYE). CYE is located within the grounds of the Cobnor Estate, 5 miles South West of Chichester. We had fantastic weather, for our second year running, which was super!

On arrival students were able to settle into their rooms, and get ready for our evening activities. We made smores, there was a super rendition of 'Father Abraham', around the



campfire, and then we headed back to the boat to settle in for the evening. It was such an encouragement to see some students organise a mini Bible study to round off their evening.



Saturday morning came, and we all gathered for breakfast. Following this, the activities began! Students had the chance to go sailing, tunnelling, and have a go at an outdoor assault course. We all enjoyed a range of fantastic meals too- there was something for everyone! That evening, we were joined by the fantastic 'One Youth', (from One Church Emsworth), who organised games, a series of testimonies, and praise and worship. I know what you're thinking... of course we managed

to sing 'My Lighthouse' on the CYE boat! It was a fantastic evening, full of fellowship. Saturday night was rounded off with a quiz from the wonderful CYE team. On Sunday morning, we had breakfast together, and opened the Bible. Following this, we headed off to Bosham, for a whole group row. Once we arrived, we tucked into some hot chocolate, and cake. After a good row back, all the students had worked up an appetite, so it was the perfect time for a Sunday roast together. Sadly, after lunch it was time for CU to say goodbye to CYE for another year.

Some of our students shared their thoughts on their time at CYE. Fern said, *"The Christian Union CYE trip was an amazing experience and I was lucky enough to go. My favourite part was when One Church youth team came and did a service with us. There were games, worship, testimonies and a time of prayer. We got to go on the water in sailing boats and condos. My boat almost capsized, it was terrifying and funny at the same time. As well as this we did a camp fire, tunnelling, a quiz and an assault course. Me and some others did bible study before bed and that really helped me to explore my faith with people my own age. Overall CYE was the best and I would suggest it to anyone who would like to go."*



I want to say a big 'thank you' to all students who came along on the trip. They truly were a fantastic bunch. A special thanks too, to Mrs Copeland, the CYE team, and One Youth. I've already had some students ask me about next year, so God willing, we should be back next year for some more fellowship, and fun. The slogan for CYE is 'Life to the Full', which is very apt for Bishop Luffa, and a nice verse to end on: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full". John 10:10

Claire Duke, Head of Wilson House & Teacher of RE

TED Talks: Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership's Ideas Worth Sharing

Speak up and speak clearly. I want to hear what you have to say because it matters!" - Felicia Johnson

During this half term Year 6 pupils from our partnership schools, alongside students from Year 9 at Bishop Luffa School, came together for a very special event – a celebration of hard work in writing talks and speeches crafted to make the audience think!



In our first ever shared learning experience we were treated to a selection of TED Talks from across the partnership. Our aim was to learn that our voices truly matter. What we say has enormous power: to make people think, to spread ideas, to educate, to spread joy and ultimately make our world a better place to be!

The topics were as varied as 'How Rubix Cubes became so popular', 'The Superhero of your back garden', 'The power of a smile' and 'Pineapple on pizza can change the world'! Ella Blamire in Year 9 delivered a particularly powerful talk on climate change, which really connected with the audience and encouraged everyone to reflect on this important topic. It was very special to bring our family of schools within the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership together, and to enjoy the dance and musical performances that the students from Fishbourne and Lavant Primaries had worked so hard on. We very much hope that this can be a tradition that continues next year!

Sally Pilgrim and Emily Husband, Teachers of English

Story House Charity Blue Week

In May Story House went all out for an entire week to raise money for Dementia UK, and more importantly to raise awareness of this wonderful charity. Dementia UK continues to be our House, this charity is really important to us as many of us have seen the impact Dementia can have on



family members. Dementia UK, provides specialist dementia support to families through its Admiral Nurse Service. When things get challenging or difficult, Dementia UK's nurses work alongside people with dementia and their families, giving them the one-to-one support, expert guidance and practical solutions, they need which can be hard to find elsewhere.

During the week we have run daily donut and cake sales each break time, at lunch we have been selling Raffle tickets for our hamper raffle of blue goodies and then on Friday we invited the whole school to join in our blue day in swapping an item of uniform for an item of blue clothing for a small donation. Why Blue? Blue is the official colour of Dementia UK, symbolising memory and forget-me-nots. We are pleased to announce that we raised a total of over £533.00 for this worthwhile charity.

Shona Charge, Head of Story House

Dance News

The Spring term is the busiest time of year for the Dance department at Bishop Luffa School! We started our run of dance events with a visit from 3fall Dance company, the 3rd year degree students from the University of Chichester. One of our Dance Alumni, Lucy Keeping, is a member of 3fall Dance Company and so it was a special moment for us to watch her perform. They led an inspiring workshop with a group of students from Years 9 to 13.



As we headed towards the end of the Spring term we had the Interhouse Dance Competition which was won overall by Burrows House. The following evening, we hosted our annual dance event to showcase performances and choreographies from students in Years 7 to 13. This was a wonderful evening and we are very proud of all the students who performed dances that were produced both in lessons and in extra-curricular clubs and activities.

Thank you to Ilai Servant (11Sherborne) for taking some fantastic photos.



After Easter we took the Year 10 GCSE Dance students to perform at Dance House at the Pavilion Theatre in Worthing.

They performed exceptionally well and we received so many wonderful comments and compliments from audience members and the event organisers. The following evening a group of dancers from Years 9 to 12 performed the curtain raiser for MAP Dance Company in the University of Chichester's Showroom. It was a standout performance and we are so proud of their achievement.



We recently said farewell to our Year 11 BTEC Dance students. It is always a sad time for the team but we wish them well and we know that they will all go on to do great things.

Jo Lawlor, Head of Arts Faculty and Team Leader for Dance

Year 13 Enjoy a Lovely Last Day

Year 13 students were recently able to celebrate their last day of formal lessons in style before their A-level exams began. The sun shined as everyone enjoyed a BBQ and a visit from an ice cream van.

We were honoured to have representatives from our three Sixth Form charities attend: Diana Levantine (Chairperson and Co-Founder of *The Sussex Snowdrop Trust*), Evie Owen (Schools Liaison Lead for *The Sanctuary* in Chichester) and Rob Goldsmith (for *Grassroots*, Tanzania). Cheques for a third of the record-breaking sum raised by the Sixth Form this year through the Fashion Show and Charity Week were presented, with Evie commenting that she wanted students to 'see the direct impact this money has on our beneficiaries. We have traumatised children turning up with no English and little education. As I always say, they are their families' future so we must do all we can to help them thrive. I will ensure that this money is directed towards this goal.'



Headteacher awards were also presented by Mr Hindman to the following students for their outstanding contributions to the school community and the Arts: Aaron Butters and Matilda Jeffers (our School Captains) plus Ed Bromell, Tilly Groves and Lola Hart. Nika Muravets was also awarded the newly-created 'Bishop Luffa International Scholarship', recognising the hardship she has overcome to achieve so highly academically and to help support her financially at university.

The Sixth Form Committee also received thank you gifts and a raucous round of applause for their excellent year, leading and managing a wide range of Sixth Form and whole-school events and activities. Finally, humorous 'Yearbook Awards 2025' were presented with prizes for highly sought-after accolades such as 'Most Likely to Teach at Luffa', 'Most Likely to be First Out on the Dance Floor' and 'Worst at Parking', each recipient being knighted and given a unique certificate.

We wish Year 13 all the best in their A-level exams. Being such a supportive and resilient year group, they are bound to take them in their stride. We look forward to celebrating their 'freedom' at Chichester Yacht Club in late June for their last hurrah, the Leavers' Ball.

Jamie Saunders, Head of Sixth Form

PE Department Raffle

The PE department has been generously donated a wonderful raffle prize from Bailiffscourt Hotel. The school intends to use all money raised to purchase equipment for the school rugby provision.

The prize includes: one-night stay in one of the mediaeval or contemporary Climbing rooms, dinner in the elegant Tapestry Restaurant, full English breakfast and complimentary use of the contemporary Spa.

The prize is valid for two people in a double room and is available Monday to Thursday nights (01/06/2025 to 30/06/2026). This prize is open to

parents, carers and staff across the Bishop Luffa community. Raffle tickets

cost only **£3** a ticket. You have until **Friday 6th June** to purchase tickets via Arbor, with the lucky winner

being announced the week beginning **Monday 9th June 2025**. If you would like any further details, please

contact me at school on BlewittT@bishopluffa.org.uk.



Tom Blewitt, Teacher of PE

PSHE Topics

The following topics will be covered during PSHE lessons during the Summer term (but may be subject to change). If you have any concerns about the topics being discussed, please contact your

child's Head of House or Mrs Smerdon-Corp, Teacher in charge of PSHE (smerdon-corpc@bishopluffa.org.uk)

The following subjects are being covered.

Year 7	Identity Multicultural Britain Stereotypes Learning Behaviours Politics and Elections	Year 8	Equality Act Ableism Racism Laws Prison/Reform/Punishment Rail Safety
Year 9	Self Esteem Sex Education Bullying Extremism Life Skills Finance	Year 10	FGM Online Safety Unhealthy Relationships Hate Crimes World Issues

PODCAST

The Wellbeing Hub
— from Teen Tips —

This week's content

Week commencing 26th May 2025

PODCAST: The relationship between challenging behaviour, diet and nutrition with Lucinda Miller, Bestselling Author, and Founder and Clinical Lead of NatureDoc

Listen now: club.teentips.co.uk

<https://club.teentips.co.uk/home/parents/>



Prayers

The Parents' and Carers' Prayer and Support Group have suggested that we circulate a school prayer list, so that families can reflect the present concerns of the school in their prayers. We will aim to update the list every month.

Prayer List:

Every month:

- Students and their families
- All our staff
- Our Governors and Trustees
- Our Clergy Team and Youth Workers
- Our Worship Team
- Our Parents & Friends Association
- Our Christian Union
- Our links to the wider church
- House and Sixth Form Charities

For June & July

- Students taking exams.
- Arrangements for the Prom and Year 13 Ball.
- Our transition work with children in Year 6 and their families.
- Students preparing for House Drama and Fruition.
- Students taking part in athletics competitions.

School Calendar

Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Half Term
Thursday 5 th June	Year 12 Parents' & Carers' Higher Education Meeting
Tuesday 10 th June	Fruition
Friday 13 th June	Year 7 Reports issued
Wednesday 18 th June	PFA Meeting (6.30pm)
Friday 20 th June	Year 7 Eucharist
Tuesday 24 th June	House Drama / Enterprise Day
Wednesday 25 th June	House Drama Finals
Friday 27 th June	Year 8 Reports issued
	Year 11 Prom
Monday 30 th June	Year 6 Parents' & Carers' Induction Evening
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 7 into Year 8 Parents' & Carers' Induction Evening
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 6 Induction Day
	Year 10 Taster Day at Chichester College
Thursday 3rd July	INSET DAY
Thursday 10 th July	Year 12 Parents' & Carers' Consultation Evening
Friday 11 th July	Sports Day
	Year 12 Reports issued
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 16 th July	PFA Meeting (6.30pm)
Friday 19 th July	Year 9 Reports issued
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 23 rd July	Start of the Summer Holidays



FRUITION 2025

An evening to celebrate the fruits of our creativity
and the achievements of students across The Arts and
Design Technology

TUESDAY 10th JUNE // 6.00-8.00pm
at Bishop Luffa School

