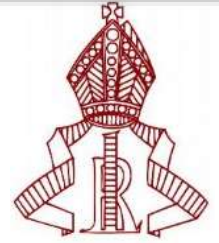


# Bishop Luffa School

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Dear all and sundry,

I am looking through the newsletter and worrying that we have not approached the Lent Term in an appropriate way: it looks like one big party. I think we've had a series of mini-Easters – hard work and preparation, followed by wonderful celebrations! We've had the school production of *Alice the Musical*, Charity Week, Interhouse Dance, Maths Feast, Science Week...the list goes on and on!

We have also been hard at work preparing for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at the cathedral. Please do let everyone associated with the school know that we are holding a Service of Thanksgiving on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm: all are welcome.

As you prepare for Easter, I hope that these words from John's Gospel will bring light into your lives: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

Best wishes,

Austen Hindman.  
Head Teacher.

## Collective Worship

I am the way, the truth and the life" Jesus tells us in John 14:6a and this half term during our collective worship we have been on a journey towards Easter and the promise of new life that Jesus brings. We have been inspired by the Church of England's Lent resources called 'Watch and Pray'. Over the last six weeks we have been challenged and inspired to wait for what is to come this Easter. We have explored the themes of waiting and moving, waiting for the Holy Spirit, waiting for what is unseen, waiting for God's help, waiting quietly, waiting for Easter and this week we have been journeying through Holy Week focusing on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



As part of our time this week reflecting on Holy Week students have had the opportunity to come and interact with our prayer space which invites students to reflect on Jesus's journey to the cross.

**Georgina Hitchin, Anna Munnery, Lara Gwynn and Freya Giles from 7 Burrows**

## Year 10 Work Experience Week

Year 10 students completed a week of work experience just before February half term. A valuable part of the students' careers education throughout their time at Bishop Luffa, this is an opportunity for students to develop employability skills and find out about the world of work.

Students worked hard to secure their placements and successfully organised work place experiences with a whole range of employers including: Arun Vets, Barfoots, Chichester Community Development Trust, Chichester College, Chichester Golf Club, Chichester University, Goodwood, Heirlooms, HNW Architects, Marks and Spencer,

Petworth House, SGN, St Richards Hospital Superdrug and many more. Several of the students returned to their old primary schools to find out more about working in education and both the ex-pupils and their primary teachers enjoyed catching up with each other again. Overall, the week was a huge success.



Some of the highlights identified by students during their placements included: keeping physically active, going in the ships and docks, building bikes, soldering, choosing artwork for an exhibition, helping with the animals, learning how to use photoshop, social media management, being outdoors all day, statistics, the people, and teaching children.

Employers were impressed with the students commenting: 'had great customer service skills', 'polite and well mannered', 'naturally intuitive', 'the whole team was extremely impressed', 'an excellent ambassador for your school', 'an exceptional and delightful student', 'very keen to learn and work'.



Some students were offered part time jobs and further work experience opportunities. We are very proud of all the Year 10 students for making the most of their work experience and for being excellent ambassadors for Bishop Luffa School.



Reflections from Tom Congalton 10KI:

*“My work experience at Birdham Primary School was thoroughly enjoyable. In the months anticipating it, there was a little frisson - ‘Aren’t I a bit immature to work? Won’t the adults look down on me? How different will it be to school?’ but when I got there all of that flew out the window. They took me seriously and kept me very busy. The kids were great fun too. It impacted me by making me consider becoming a teacher. It also taught me discipline, time management and showed me that work isn’t as scary as I first thought. I’d highly recommend it to anybody who enjoys working with kids, but to nobody who likes order and control rather than chaos and mischief! I can’t think of anything to improve Bishop Luffa work experience other than having less PHSE lessons building up to it. We have two but one is enough.”*



We are very grateful to everyone involved in supporting our work experience programme. Please get in touch with [hoppa@bishopluffa.org.uk](mailto:hoppa@bishopluffa.org.uk) if you work for a company who may be able to offer a work experience opportunity in the future.

**Angie Hopp, Careers Coordinator**

## Woodwind Success at Chichester Music Festival

**C**ongratulations to the following Bishop Luffa Woodwind students who took part in the recent Chichester Music Festival. The students were entered by Emma Milne, their woodwind teacher.

- Rebecca King (8Otter) solo clarinet, marked Commended.
- Ben Taylor (9Ridgeway) and Maurice Hatton (9Wilson) saxophone duet, marked Commended and Winners of a gold medal.
- Isabelle Fletcher (8Burrows) and Ellie Fletcher (8Andrewes) clarinet duet, marked Merit, bronze medal awarded.
- Anna McCallum (7King) flute Solo, Merit.
- Tom Peregrin (10Andrewes) clarinet solo, Merit.
- Max McCallum (9King) clarinet solo, Commended.
- Sam McCallum (12King) saxophone solo, Merit.



Ben Taylor (9Ridgeway) and Sam McCallum (12King) also volunteered to help all day at the festival which was much appreciated.

Any student who is interested in learning, flute, clarinet or saxophone and taking part in these exciting ventures should contact: [emmamilnemusic@hotmail.com](mailto:emmamilnemusic@hotmail.com)

**Mrs Bowen-Melfi, Head of Music**



## Green Power F24 Team News

In the world of Green Power racing, where innovation meets sustainability on the race track, the Bishop Luffa F24 Team showcased true determination and teamwork on their practice day at the renowned Goodwood race track on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Battling through relentless rain and enduring what can only be described as a test of their resolve, the team emerged victorious, claiming the top spot in their category. Please [click on this link](#) to see a short video of the day. Despite the challenging weather conditions, the Bishop Luffa Green Power team demonstrated their commitment to excellence and their passion for the sport. With each member contributing their expertise and dedication, they navigated the slippery track with precision and skill, showcasing their ability to adapt to adverse circumstances.



"It was a long and challenging day, but our team really pulled together," remarked team Leader, Luke Pendry (8Ridgeway). "We knew it wouldn't be easy with the weather against us, but we refused to let that dampen our spirits. We live by the motto of living life in all its fullness, and today, we truly embodied that spirit."

Their hard work and resilience paid off as they crossed the finish line in first place in their category during their second practice session, marking a well-deserved victory for the Bishop Luffa Green Power F24 Team. Their triumph serves as a testament to the power of teamwork, dedication, and the unwavering pursuit of excellence. As they celebrate their success, the team looks forward to future heat competitions with renewed confidence and determination. With their sights set on even greater achievements, they continue to inspire others with their passion for Green Power racing and their unwavering commitment to pushing the boundaries of what's possible.

In Green Power racing, where every twist and turn presents a new challenge, the Bishop Luffa Green Power F24 Team has proven that with teamwork and determination, anything is possible.

**Mr James Bonney, Head of Design & Technology**

## A Fantastic PFA Prom Dress Sale

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February saw the Humanities block at Bishop Luffa transformed into a warm, welcoming Prom Dress Boutique for the day, organised by the Bishop Luffa Parent & Friends Association. Friday evening saw classrooms transformed into dress showrooms, changing rooms, featuring new and improved private changing areas and even a coffee lounge for the waiting families, eager to catch a glimpse of their own Year 11 student in a prom gown.

With dresses to be sold dropped off from Friday evening and again on Saturday morning, this year's PFA created a stock of over 100 dresses in the Luffa dress showroom alone!



St Wilfrid's Hospice Shop occupied the second dress showroom with around 40 dresses for sale, retailing from £30.00 for a dress, along with bags and shoes selling for bargain prices from £5.00 per item. One lucky customer walked away with beautiful designer heels from DUNE footwear!

It was a joy to welcome so many students through the doors to see the glorious gowns up for grabs. With the usual apprehension on arrival; as in previous years; the team were over-joyed to see glowing faces and smiles, as students found gowns and accessorised them with the goodies offered for sale. There were heeled shoes; flats; trainers; sparkly trainers; rhinestone and pearl head pieces; bolero jackets; pashmina's and a plethora of evening bags, meaning there were plenty of exciting purchases available for everyone.

For most of the day the Humanities corridor was busting at the seams with eager relatives and friends awaiting the appearance of gowns being tried on. The PFA worked hard to create a special atmosphere for the students and their families, meaning that bypassing the usual boutiques on the high street went unnoticed, with students over the moon with their finds and parents equally pleased at the nominal effect on their wallets!!

As a result of the variety of stock available on the day, many students were able to purchase complete outfits at the sale leaving one less thing to think about as they go into their GCSE exams later this year. The event ended with record sales of 26 dresses finding new homes.



The PFA are hopeful many buyers will consider becoming sellers at the next event on Saturday 19th October 2024. With a seller's fee of just 25% of the final selling price, this sale puts gowns in front of a substantial audience and the opportunity to try gowns on, which is an important, if not essential, part of prom dress shopping. Not only do sellers walk away with payment at the end of the event, they are freeing up space in the wardrobe and helping reduce the billions of tonnes of clothing that makes its way to landfill every year, and of course, creating more wonderful dress shopping opportunities for future Year 11's which is what this event is all about.



A huge thank you goes out to all the PFA volunteers who made this truly wonderful event happen, with a very special mention to Sam Pullen who started this event in 2019 and has created many of the processes and procedures in order for the event to take place and run so smoothly. As the PFA recover from the excitement of last weekend, they are already planning the next event and are confident it will come back even bigger and better year on year.

So, keep your eyes peeled, as this is shaping up to be an important date in the Year 11 calendar.

**Naomi Godfrey, on behalf of the Bishop Luffa PFA**

## Year 12 visit Marwell Zoo

**A**fter a week of torrential rain, we were lucky enough to have a dry day for our visit to Marwell Zoo. The staff at the zoo reported the lack of animal activity to study earlier in the week, but the animals were active and interesting for us. The students were fantastic and carried out some great studies. One Year 12 student provided the following report:

*'On the Marwell trip I learnt a lot about the observational techniques that are part of our psychology course. I bettered my understanding of conducting an observation through actually doing it. I learnt more about fully operationalizing behavioural categories to investigate natural behaviour and the importance of*





conducting pilot studies. As a group we worked together to not only collect the data, but to analyse, present and evaluate it as well, reflecting how research is carried out in psychology. I think this trip has helped me evaluate experiments in psychology and understand their strengths and limitations. I also really enjoyed learning about how psychological theory helps in how they keep their animals in the zoo. I found it really interesting in how they use operant and classical conditioning to train their tigers for vaccinations.'

**Ms T Marchant, Teacher of Psychology**

## Sporting News

**O**ur students have had some amazing sporting achievements this half term:

Well done to Elsie Huxtable (7Ridgeway) who recently took part in the Sussex Long Course County Championships over various weekends this month and she did extremely well. Elsie raced 11 races and came away with 10 medals (4 golds, 5 silvers, 1 bronze) and 1 rosette (4th). She is Sussex Champion in her age group in four events. 50 breast, 50 free, 100 free and 200 Individual Medley.

Well done to Sam Machell (8Burrows) who over half term was in Palamos, Spain representing Great Britain in his dinghy sailing (The 34th International 2024 Vila de Palamos Optimist Trophy Regatta) doing five days of training, immediately followed by four days of racing, and was one of 550 participants from 24 countries. A total of nine races were held, five qualifying races and four Final Series races. The Race committee gave a total of 20 starts, two in each of the five groups, with a wind intensity between 9 and 12 knots. Sam qualified for the Bronze Fleet in the Final Series out of five fleets (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Emerald and Pearl).

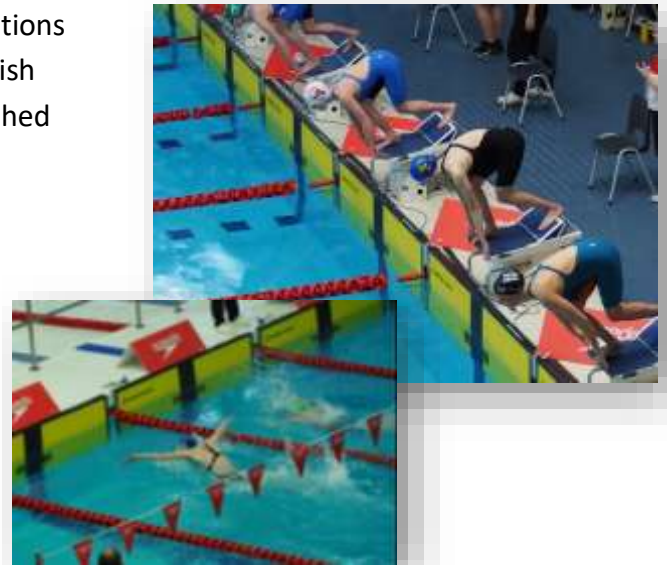


At the beginning of March three Bishop Luffa students represented Bosham Sailing Club to compete in a fleet of over 160 boats at the Topper National Series held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, host of the sailing for the London 2012 Olympics. Charlie Mealing (10Otter), Matthew Board (10Andrewes) and Olaf Storton (9Ridgeway) sailed excellently in a big fleet and challenging conditions, with winds that varied over the two days from 5kts to 25kts! All three students performed well with Matthew

achieving top 10 finishes in the 5.3 Fleet and Olaf coming 5th overall in the 4.2 fleet. The spirit on and off the water was great and, while the competition was fierce, the atmosphere was supportive and engaging.

Huge congratulations to Ben Stewart (9Andrewes) who finished 19<sup>th</sup> out of 343 runners in the national English Schools Cross Country Championships and was a part of the Sussex Junior Boys team who came 1<sup>st</sup>. Big congratulations again to Elodie Hill (9King) who also competed in the English Schools Cross Country Championships for Sussex and finished 100<sup>th</sup> out of 339 runners.

Hannah Day (11Ridgeway) recently competed at the Welsh National Swimming Championships. Despite being unwell Hannah came away with two bronze medals and a silver in the Women's 16 & 17 year age group events. She also achieved another qualifying time to cement her place on the Welsh National Squad for 2024/25. Well done Hannah.



## Alice! The Musical

Thank you to all who supported the Arts Faculty in our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary revival of *Alice! The Musical* based on Lewis Carroll's works. It was a pleasure for us to work with such a dedicated and talented cast and technical crew and an amazing show band which was entirely made up of students from the school, under the direction of Mrs Bowen-Melfi, Head of Music.



We were really excited to know that Julia Donaldson was in the audience on Thursday's performance alongside our governors and guests. She really enjoyed the performance and said "it's always lovely to see young people putting their heart and soul into singing and acting".



This was a special production for us as a school. It was first performed at Bishop Luffa in 1988 having been adapted into a stage play by Barry Smith who worked at the school as Head of English and Drama. On Friday, we were delighted that the original actor who played Alice in the 1988 version was able to join us in the audience and presented the flowers to Erin Selves who played Alice in our 2024 version during the curtain call! It was also so exciting to have the music written especially for us by David Glasson who has long been associated with the Doo Dah Bongo Dog band. The show was a rollercoaster of madness and mayhem as only Carroll could imagine. This year we included a matinee for Primary Schools and we ran for four nights. We all worked incredibly hard and we are delighted that the production was such a great success. More photos can be found on the school website <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/photo-gallery/alice-the-musical/>



**Mrs N Furnell, Team Leader - Drama**

## Spanish Exchange Programme

**W**hat a week full of unforgettable memories!

This is the second year that we run a exchange programme with our partner school (Nuryana School) in Tenerife, Spain. This year we hosted 24 students from Year 9, 10 and 12 and welcomed three fantastic and dedicated Spanish teachers. It has been a wonderful experience with plenty of remarkable moments.



Our Spanish friends really enjoyed studying in an English school, eating English food and sharing and comparing their customs and traditions with us. On Wednesday, we all went to London together and saw the top sights and on Saturday we enjoyed a boat tour of Portsmouth Harbour, visited the HMS and the Victory and the museum. We finished the visit with a delicious fish and chips lunch in a traditional English pub.



On Sunday, our visitors spent the day with their host families. Some students went to Brighton others went bowling and others, making the most of the glorious weather, spent the day at the beach.

One popular activity among the students has been playing football in the park after school. Apparently, we need to train a bit more so we can beat the Spanish team when we go to visit them in Tenerife in June.

The majority of students and all Spanish teachers saw our production "Alice in Wonderland" and were amazed by the quality of the show and the amount of work involved. They left thinking how they could do something similar in Spain. Special mention goes to Adrián González, who along with his English friend Thomas Bacon, was happily involved in the show every day of the week.



Saying goodbye on the last day was quite emotional but the majority of students were organising their own future trips to see each other again. We are not sure the parents have been informed yet of these extra plans but it was lovely to see them wanting to repeat the experience again.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the parents who sent us lovely emails thanking us for organising the exchange and sharing lovely photos with us. We would also like to say thank you for being such a great hosts. All the Spanish students left with a smile on their faces and incredible experiences to remember. We are all looking forward to preparing our trip to Tenerife in June and seeing our friends again.

**Elizabeth López Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish and International School Coordinator**

## Maths Feast 2024

**O**n 12th March 2024, two teams of Year 10 mathematicians from Bishop Luffa competed against their opposite numbers from Chichester High School, Ormiston Six Villages Academy, and St. Philip Howard Catholic School in a series of problems ranging from quizzing, through logic puzzles and

crossnumber (the mathematical sibling of crossword), to construction of 3D models of cubes and even rhombic decahedra (3D shapes with 10 faces, each of which is a rhombus!) The competition spanned five rounds in total, and featured problems and exercises designed to show off lots of different areas of GCSE mathematics, as well as to provide some real-world context for where this maths might be useful in the future education and career paths of the students.

Beginning with a terrifically exciting TV quizzing round, students raced to find the missing number in a series of increasingly cryptic sequences, in the style of the game show Only Connect. This was followed by a tricky crossnumber puzzle. Similar in nature to a crossword, in that clues are required to fit together into a grid, but all of the clues were maths problems with numerical answers! Teams were divided into two parts for this task, and each half were tasked with filling one set of clues, either across or down, before coming back as a whole team to fit their answers together. Next, students were plunged into the world of logic – the mathematics of rules, decision making, and deduction – and tasked with analysing and inventing their own “worlds” in which people are only permitted to exist depending on the colour combinations among the hats that they wear! This was a two-step task: in the first round, students were given some rules and asked to deduce which combinations could be true and which must be false, and in the second half they had to create some of their own combinations from scratch. Finally, we moved into the mathematics of shape, for a task in which students were asked to create models of cubes and rhombic decahedra from cardboard and tape, and then calculate things such as the surface area and volume of their creations. Throughout the event there were numerous appearances of Pythagoras’ theorem, trigonometry, number skills, algebra, and bunches more of the core skills that are so prevalent throughout GCSE mathematics.

Of course, when all is said and done, competitions have winners. I am beyond proud to announce that Bishop Luffa School and our students walked away with the following prizes:

- WINNERS of the TV quizzing challenge
- WINNERS of the crossnumber challenge
- HIGHLY COMMENDED in ALL rounds of the event

Huge congratulations are due to Jennifer Fitzgerald (10Story), Kathy Nightingale (10Burrows), Hayley Martin (10Wilson), Harry Kemp (10Sherborne), Austin Uphill (10King), Ned Coles (10Sherborne) and Tom Vosper (10King) for their tremendous work ethic and application of mathematical knowledge across the whole event.

**Mr Damien Clarke, Teacher of Mathematics**

## Shakespeare School Festival

**C**ongratulations to Bishop Luffa Drama Club who participated in the Shakespeare School Festival, performing The Tempest at The New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth on Tuesday 12th March. With three other schools contributing other adaptations of Shakespeare plays, the evening was a wonderful celebration. It was a fantastic opportunity for us, sharing our retelling of this delightful tale of magic and mystery in a professional theatre with a live audience. The performance was the culmination of months of rehearsal, exploring the play, developing characters, blocking the action, learning lines and gathering costumes, under the guidance of Spencer Dixon our Sixth Form director. It was such a positive



and rewarding experience for our students. We very much hope to continue to be involved in the festival next year.

The Shakespeare School's Festival founder and creator of the BBC Shakespeare Animated Tales, Chris Grace, has written a letter to Spencer Dixon recognising the quality of his contribution as Director of *The Tempest*. Spencer had worked with our Drama Club developing the piece since September in preparation for



our performance at the New Theatre Royal Portsmouth. He said *'There was active free flowing lyricism of movement and I liked the way the cast were used imaginatively to create structures'* and then added *'the whole cast were committed, on cue, and worked together seamlessly...Above all, you let Shakespeare's words convey the narrative'*. He concluded by saying, *'your version was spot on'*. This is praise indeed. We wish Spencer all the best as he continues his study of acting toward a career in the theatre industry.

**Mrs N Furnell, Team Leader of Drama**

## **Sixth Form Production National Theatre Connections Festival – *Kiss, Marry, Push Off The Cliff***

**O**n Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March Bishop Luffa Sixth Form showcased their contribution to this year's National Theatre Connections Festival with their interpretation of the brand new play *Kiss, Marry, Push Off the Cliff* in their home performance at the Luffa Drama Studio to a live audience of friends and

family. This was their first instalment of the piece which is to be followed by a performance at The MAST Studios, Mayflower Theatre Southampton in May. We were honoured to be visited by a drama practitioner from the National Theatre who was most impressed by the piece. Focusing on a group of friends on a camping trip after their A Levels, the play is a hard-hitting exploration of the cruelty and kindness of adolescence. Directed by Sixth Form drama students Max Holben (13Andrewes) and Tess Langford (13Wilson), the play was imaginatively conceived with a creative and symbolic set, and carefully drawn characters performed by our talented drama students.



**Mrs N Furnell, Team Leader of Drama**

## A Week is an Exciting Time in Politics

They say that Politics touches everything we do. That could not be more true recently in A Level Politics at Bishop Luffa School.

On Monday 11th March, Year 13 attended the PolEcon conference in London's Methodist Central Hall along with several thousand A Level politics students. A packed programme of high profile and significant speakers from across the political world each gave a short talk and (very bravely) took questions from the eager budding politicians.

Speakers of particular note included Wes Streeting (LAB), Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg (CON), Sarah Olney (LIB), Lord Dubs who spoke powerfully about the Dubs Amendments to the Rwanda Bill, and Richard Tice (REFORM). Each speaker gave a short account of what mattered to them, and shared their personal reflections on where things are heading, including the Rochdale By-Election, The Middle East and of course election prospects. Students were able to submit questions in advance, ask questions after each speaker and contributed to a survey, ahead of the election this year. In addition, Alastair Campbell and Rory Stewart, of The Rest is Politics podcast took an extended Q&A on a wide range of issues.

Overall a great occasion to draw the A Level course to a close, with enjoyable and thought-provoking speakers.



On Wednesday, we were also privileged to receive Ann Coffey, a Labour MP and Whip and then from 2019 Independent MP, for her reflections of a life in politics. As Tony Blair's PPS and Shadow Health Secretary and Labour whip, Ann's honest reflections and answers to questions gave some inspiration and food for thought about the reality of political life and leadership. We are very grateful for her refreshing perspective and passion for continued change to make our democracy as effective as possible. We were also joined by Portsmouth Grammar School, with whom we try to share opportunities like this.

If you would like to know more about A Level Politics ask Mr Luff, H1

**Mr M Luff, Teacher of Politics, Business & Economics**

## Rugby County Cup Success

**O**n Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March the Year 8 and Year 9 Bishop Luffa Boys Rugby teams ventured to a windy and grey Brighton RFC for the County Cup Finals.

Both teams had only lost one game leading into this climactic event, with the Year 8s winning against Downlands and St Oscar Romero to reach the final. Whilst the Year 9s beat a very physical Weald team in the final play to make it to the big dance.

The Year 8s were up first against a very well organised Kings School, Brighton, who came out of the blocks fast and led by two tries in the first few minutes. However, as the game built into its flow the team found their rhythm and continuously stretched their opponents. Huge performances by the whole team led to the Year 8s winning the plate final 25-20.

The Year 9s braved the wind and rain during their game against a physical opponent Dorothy Stringer, Brighton. From the off the team knew they would need to work hard and front up against their 'strong' opposite numbers. The game flowed well with Luffa showing strength and width in attack. However, the raw power of their opponents was the eventual deciding force with Dorothy Stringer winning 41-15.

A huge success for both teams and an amazing experience for all those involved. Moreover, thank you to all of the local businesses who have been instrumental in supporting the school's rugby provision: Obtrada, Goodwood, Chichester Shutters, NJS, Historic Hotels and EVINOX Energy.

**Mr T Blewitt, Teacher of PE**



## Chicken Club News

**T**he Chicken Club at Bishop Luffa is great fun for us as students. This is for many reasons like collecting eggs and cuddling the chickens. Chicken Club isn't just in the morning which is a great therapeutic start to your day, it's a safe and relaxing space to be in. You can also go to the chickens at lunch time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday some Year 11s cover looking after the chickens on the days Mrs Fowle s isn't at school. Some students come in at the weekends and in school holidays to look after the chickens and enjoy being able to spend that extra time with them and making sure they are all happy and healthy. We've also been planting fruit trees in their extended run which has been really fun.



After the weekend it is really nice to be able to go to the chickens on a Monday morning to get a good start to your week. Seeing the chickens in the morning also helps to socialise with other types of students from other years and it's something we can all talk to each other about. It can also be quite refreshing as you're out in fresh air and it's good because there are lots of different jobs everyone can be involved with e.g. filling up their water. There is also a sense of belonging and feeling important to the school as we are looking after the animals for them. All the chickens are very chatty but it's a calming sound to hear them all talking to each other. At our school some students do DofE and it's a really good option for volunteering for that.

We have eight amazing fluffy rescue chickens which everyone helps and loves getting stuck in with. The chickens' names are: Brenda, Eggnog, Cruella, Hei Hei, Ursula, Linda, Dora and Tina. We did have ten chickens but unfortunately two of them passed away due to natural causes and they were Moana and Muffin. Although they have lost two of their sisters, the chickens are thriving and enjoy the company of the students when we go and see them. We are hoping to get some more hens in the summer. We are hoping to get some more hens in the summer, once we have enough funds to expand and improve our facilities. If you are able to donate towards this please visit our Justgiving page by [clicking on this link](#).



**Written by Molly Wimshurst, Tilly Morgan, Jamie Winson, Poppy Oxford, Max Hudson, Toby Burt, Jack Challen, Dylan Loxam, Derek Turley and Hazel Cooper**

## Forest School with the Goodwood Education Trust

Since the start of this year 24 Year 7 to 9 students (including those with Special Educational Needs and English as an additional language) have been enjoying regular trips to Forest School with the Goodwood Education Trust.

Forest Schools aim to enable all children, young people and adults to grow their confidence and skills and to



enjoy making the most of being outside in the natural world. Goodwood's Forest School offers calm, enriching outdoor learning experiences in beautiful farmland and woodland. Experiences range from farm trips to a wide range of woods-based activities, all a stone's throw from Goodwood House and the Home Farm. Feedback from everyone going to Forest School this term has been overwhelmingly positive.



They have really liked seeing the animals, including brand-new Gloucester Old Spot piglets, deep-red Sussex calves and a lot of extremely springy Southdown lambs. They also enjoyed the chance to relax outside, 'cook' in a very muddy mud kitchen, enjoy crafts, games and activities in the fresh air and make delicious snacks on the fire.

**Mrs S Cooke, EAL Coordinator**



## Chichester College's STEMFest 2024: Igniting STEM Passion

Chichester College's STEMFest 2024 on the 11th March was a thrilling immersion into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). With 33 Year 7 and Year 8 students in tow, the event offered:

- 3D air drawing
- Recycling challenges
- F1 Race simulations
- Virtual and Augmented Reality experiences
- Hologram tent exploration
- eSports competitions



STEMFest sparked curiosity, inspiring students for future STEM careers in an engaging and dynamic environment.

**Mrs H Williams, Team Leader of Computer Science**

## Immersive Labs Cybersecurity Visit

Sabrina, a cybersecurity expert from Immersive Labs, visited students from Year 10 to Year 13, sharing her journey into the field and insights into cybersecurity careers. She highlighted the diverse opportunities within cybersecurity and discussed prevalent threats like ransomware attacks. Sabrina introduced the students to Immersive Labs' Prompt Injection Challenge, providing a hands-on experience to learn about prompt injection vulnerabilities. Her engaging session left students inspired to explore cybersecurity further and consider future careers in the field.



Mrs H Williams, Team Leader of Computer Science

## Fundraising Fun & Frolics in a Fantastic Charity Week 2024

The charitable endeavours of the week proved immensely successful, raising an impressive £3.6k in support of three noble causes: The Sanctuary in Chichester, The Sussex Snowdrop Trust, and Grassroots Tanzania. Together with the proceeds from the Fashion Show, our total contributions soared to £16.1k. It's a remarkable achievement, and heartfelt gratitude is extended to everyone who contributed, supported, or participated in these events. Thanks also goes to the local businesses who generously supported the Charity Week raffle.

The week commenced with Bishop Luffa's rendition of *'The Chase'*, offering students the chance to pie our altruistic Head Teacher, Mr. Hindman, if emerging victorious. Not only did he volunteer for this charitable event but also displayed his comedic talents the following day during *'Teachers Got Talent'*. Joining him were other teachers such as Ms. Rawlinson with her outstanding singing performance, and an amazing band composed of Mr Owen, Mr Saunders, and Mr Allman. Wednesday was *'Human Kahoot'* where students had to compete to see who knew certain teachers the best.

Thursday brought on more competition but now the teachers were versing each other in the *'Masked Singer'*. We had numerous fantastic performances from disguised teachers and students definitely couldn't tell who each act was. The audience went specifically crazy for the *'Barbie Girl'* number by Mr Goldsmith and Ms Ockwell, which led them to victory through student choice.





Friday's 'Battle of the Bands' was the grand finale. Students showcased their musical gifts, competing for the prestigious title. The enthralling performance by 'The Rude Eyes' secured them the trophy, leaving the audience in ecstasy and ending the week on a high note of success and generosity.



Friday was also Fancy Dress for both students and staff - we had scarecrows, computers, farmers & chickens, vikings, safari, road signs and many more fantastic costumes, and bowing out as winner in his final year at Bishop Luffa was Eddie Baird who came as a Portable Loo!

Lots of photos from the week can be found on the school website <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/photo-gallery/charity-week-2024/> Through a week filled with laughter, talent, and friendly competition, students and teachers alike displayed their commitment to supporting our charities. The Charity week sub-committee who ran these events - Oliver Appleby (13Andrewes), Caitlin Waldron (13Otter) and Annabelle Sheridan-Downes (13Ridgeway) - should definitely be patting themselves on the back for a week well executed.

**Cerys Holmes (13Otter)**

## LAMDA at Luffa

The Spring term has been a very busy time for LAMDA students at Bishop Luffa School. In late January a number of candidates competed in the Chichester Festival for Music, Dance and Speech at Oakwood School resulting in wins, placings and successful performances from all students who entered.



This was closely followed by the first exam round taken by 40 students in February achieving a 100% pass rate with 87% gaining a distinction. Luke, Charlie and I would like to congratulate all candidates for working so hard and well done to students who gained their bronze, silver or gold medal, accumulating valuable UCAS points! A great result.



Finally, congratulations to Tom Congalton who is the recipient of the Bishop Luffa LAMDA Cup 2024. Tom is currently preparing for his gold medal Public Speaking exam which he will take in July, along with the current cohort of LAMDA students. Good luck all!

**Angela Watkins, LAMDA Teacher**

## Reaching out to Primary Schools

**O**ur International Team delivered their first assembly in another school when they visited Nyewood Primary School this term and we were welcomed with open arms! Our students talked about the importance of recycling and the consequences and impact that our rubbish has on animals and our planet.



We learnt about different coloured bins and where we should dispose our items. We also explained to them what being in the International Team means and what type of projects we run. Everyone was very enthusiastic and our students also had the opportunity to talk to the students in Nyewood and get to know them better. We were all very impressed with the confidence our students are developing and how they are already having a positive impact on other children's lives. We finished the assembly dancing "My Lighthouse" all together. It was lovely! We are all looking forward to going back in May and to continuing building our relationship with them.



**Elizabeth López Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish and International School Coordinator**

## Some egg-scellent historians!

In History Year 7 have been working on their annual 'egg-stravaganza' (!) of turning the humble egg into a historical tableau. With suitable motivation in the form of an Easter Egg prize for the winners, students have been creating historical characters and scenes using eggs as the focal point. Some egg-stremely (!) egg-sciting (!) scene were laid (!) on, ranging from Albert Eggstein through to an egg-based depiction of Charles II's flight after the Battle of Worcester, where he scrambled (!) to flee from Cromwell's forces. Some groups are working on this over Easter, but hopefully they won't poach (!) ideas from those already entered.



Although a light-hearted activity, it just shows how historical understanding can be communicated in different ways, and encourages students to think creatively about the subject. My thanks to all students who put in the time and effort to get involved. You can see how creative they have been by visiting the school website <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/photo-gallery/year-7-history-eggs-project-2024/>



Mr J Barnett, Head of Humanities

## Barcelona Sports Tour

The countdown is on for the school's second Football and Netball Sports Tour to Barcelona, during the Easter holidays. The PE department is excited to be taking 36 students (two Football squads and one Netball squad) across the Bay of Biscay with the aim of surpassing the success of last year's incredible tour. Please keep an eye peeled on the department's Instagram account -

@bishopluffape for regular updates throughout the tour, including the Port Aventura theme park day, training session content, local fixtures vs Montroig and Escuela Bartra Cunit and the Masterclass School's Tournament. We would like to thank our local sponsor (**GPR Decorating Services** - <https://gprdecorating.co.uk>) who generously subsidised the expense of all playing and training kits for the entire tour party.



Mr T Blewitt, Trip Leader and Teacher of PE



## Chichester Food Bank

A huge thank you from Chichester Food Bank – the Spring Term Food Bank collection donation was 66.5 kilos in total... that's the equivalent of 166 meals. Thank you to everyone who donated an item into our food collection basket.

Mrs R Bradberry, Worship Coordinator



## Interhouse Dance Finals 2024

This year's Interhouse Dance Finals took place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The competition saw a large number of pupils enter dances into the heats and due to stiff competition the top four from each year group performed in front of a panel of external judges; Rachael Boarer (founder of RnB Dance Company, alongside Bishop Luffa alumni Lucy Keeping (studying Dance at the University of Chichester) and Rebekah Leggatt (dance and musical theatre teacher at Italia Conti). The audience also had the ability to vote as the fourth judge and the collated results including scores from the heats are below.



This year for the 60th anniversary we introduced a new

House cup for the House with the most participants across all year groups and the first ever winners were **Burrows House!** Mr Hindman also had the pleasure of announcing the overall Interhouse Dance winners for 2024 - **Andrewes House!** The competition event had a great atmosphere with friends, family and staff rallying behind the dancers. Thanks to all who came to

support the event, it was a spectacular showcase of talent and demonstrated the passion and dedication the students have at Bishop Luffa for dance and a great way to end the term on a high. Well done to all those involved!

'After recently returning from maternity leave it has been a pleasure to see the talent of a new Year 7 cohort alongside dancers from Year 8, 9 and 10. How time flies! It is evident a lot of hard work has gone into the rehearsals and there was some very technical choreography and the standard was extremely high this year. There are some really talented performers at the school and it was such an enjoyable evening. Huge thanks goes to Miss Lawlor for coordinating rehearsals and heats in lessons this year and for tirelessly providing performance opportunities for the students to shine'.



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	KS4
1 <sup>st</sup> – King 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sherborne 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Andrewes 4th - Burrows	1 <sup>st</sup> – Wilson 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Burrows 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Andrewes 4th - Story	1 <sup>st</sup> – Andrewes (Jive) 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Andrewes 3 <sup>rd</sup> – King 4th - Story	1 <sup>st</sup> – Burrows

	Andrewes	Burrows	King	Otter	Ridgeway	Sherborne	Story	Wilson
Final Totals	27	20	16	4	2	7	10	8
Position	1st	2nd	3rd	7th	8th	6th	4th	5th

Mrs J Feakins-Taylor, Teacher of Dance

## Plea for Shrubs, Plants, Flowers, Seeds and Herbs....

We are launching an Eco-Project, aiming to provide students with lovely green spaces around the school. The project would provide an environment for students to relax and learn more about nature and gardening. This would include a vegetable patch and herb garden for Food Tech, so the students may even end up eating their own produce! We are asking for **donations of unwanted shrubs, plants or flowers** for the project. The students would be delighted if you could make this possible and bring them in after the Easter holidays. Please leave them at Reception for Alison Congalton. Thank you for your support.



## PSHE Topics

The following topics will be covered during PSHE lessons during the Spring 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-corp@bishopluffa.org.uk](mailto:smerdon-corp@bishopluffa.org.uk)) The following subjects are being covered.



<b>Year 7</b>	Puberty Boundaries Self Esteem	<b>Year 8</b>	Mental Health Positive body image Bullying Healthy Lifestyles Managing Stress	<b>Year 9</b>	Self Esteem Body image Media and airbrushing Healthy lifestyles Grief
<b>Year 10</b>	Online safety Knife crime Critical thinking & fake news Cults Human rights	<b>Year 11</b>	Online reputation First aid		

## 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 April & May:*

- All students in Year 11 and 13 that are preparing for exams.
- Preparations for Fruition and House Drama.
- Our new Chaplain, Fr Phillip Amey.
- Students completing Duke of Edinburgh Awards.
- Students and staff preparing to go to Tanzania with Grassroots.

## School Calendar

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

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Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Start of Summer Term

6.30pm – PFA Meeting

Parental Seminar with AYP: Preparing your child for Exams (6.00pm in the Bartlett Hall)

Year 8 Exams Week

2.00pm – 3.30pm – PFA Uniform Shop Open

Year 7 & 8 Disco

Bank Holiday

Year 11 & 13 Leavers' Eucharists

6.30pm – PFA Meeting

Half Term