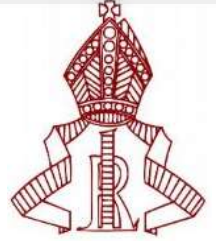


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Dear friends of Bishop Luffa School,

This term we had the pleasure of welcoming back to school some of the students from the very first year of Bishop Luffa School. It was lovely to hear their experiences and their very warm memories of the staff at the school. They spoke particularly fondly of Margaret Marples, the first Deputy Head Teacher, and have presented the school with an engraved cup in her honour.

On Saturday 29th June at 3pm we welcome them – and hopefully you – back to Chichester Cathedral for our 60th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving. Please do let as many people as possible know about the event – we want the Cathedral packed out to celebrate the diamond jubilee of our wonderful school.

Best wishes,

Austen Hindman,
Head Teacher.

Fruition: Arts Faculty Summer Exhibition 2024

I am very pleased to announce this year's *Fruition* Evening. The event will take place between 6.00pm and 8.00pm on Wednesday 12th June in and around the Creative Arts Centre. The evening is an opportunity for us all to celebrate the fruits of our creativity in the Arts over the year. It promises to be a highly enjoyable and very busy evening. We are delighted to say that the Design and Technology Faculty will be joining us again this year for the event.

Students will be participating in a number of ways to make this event a vibrant celebration of their achievements in Arts and DT subjects. They will be made aware of their important contribution to the evening via their teachers.



You are warmly invited to drop in at any time during the evening to experience all of the following:

- An Art Exhibition presenting the work of GCSE and A Level Art students;
- Dance performances from extra-curricular Dance clubs;
- Extracts from this years' House Drama Festival;
- A range of GCSE Media Studies and A Level Film/Media Studies projects;
- A screening of the winning Interhouse Short Film Competition entry;
- A wide variety of musical performances from exam groups and extra-curricular Music clubs;
- A Design and Technology exhibition of products created by students across all key stages;
- A demonstration of cooking techniques from the Food department;
- A display of the Green Power Team's car 'Mercury'

Miss J Lawlor, Head of Arts Faculty

Sports Tour 2024

Over the Easter holidays 36 energetic students travelled across the Bay of Biscay to Barcelona for the school's second ever international sports tour.



The group enjoyed scorching weather conditions, a PortAventura Theme Park excursion, local Spanish football fixtures, inter school football and netball competitions and a day out in Barcelona and tour around the Barcelona Olympic stadium in scorching weather conditions.

Our travelling teams performed magnificently in their local fixtures with the U13 Football narrowly losing vs Montroig FC 3-4 and our U14 Football winning emphatically vs CF Cunnit 5-1. In addition, the Netball and Football teams represented the school to the highest levels in their end of trip Masterclass Tournaments with the U14 Netball coming 5th, U13 Football also coming 5th and U14 narrowly missing out on the big cup and coming 2nd on penalties.



The trip was another phenomenal success that upheld both the values and vision of the school. The PE department are already planning the Sports Tour for Easter 2024 (hopefully including girls' football and boys' rugby to the travelling teams).

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. Without their support our students would not have been the best dressed teams out in Spain.



Awards:

U13 Netball - Masterclass Player of the Week – Megan McGlone (8Ridgeway)

Coach's Player of the Week – Amy King (8King)

Masterclass Tournament Player's Player – Isabella Lendrum (8Burrows) and Juliette Stangroom (8Ridgeway)

U13 Football - Masterclass Player of the Week – Isaac Searle (8Burrows)

Coach's Player of the Week – Monty Wignall-Jones (8Sherborne)

Player's Player vs Montroig FC – Freddie Hollingworth (8Otter)

Masterclass Tournament Player – Finlay Squires (8Wilson)

U14 Football - Masterclass Player of the Week – Billy Netley-Harris (9Andrewes)

Coach's Player of the Week – Finn Schmidtschneider (9Ridgeway)

Player's Player vs FC Cunnit – Ross Muvuti (9Otter)

Masterclass Tournament Player – Josh Pressdee (9Wilson)

Top Tourists 2024 – Monty Smith (9Ridgeway), Max Gayle (8Burrows) and Isaac Briffa (9Wilson)

Please keep your eyes peeled for upcoming notifications and information letters regarding next year's 2025 tour and check out the PE department's social media for an insight into this year's incredible tour (Instagram - bishopluffape).



Tom Blewitt, Teacher of PE

Charlotte Wins National Physics Competition

Earlier in the year I spoke to all the Year 12 physics students about entering a national physics competition explaining what 'lights up their love of physics'. Charlotte Hatton (12Wilson) entered the competition and was shortlisted as one of the national finalists.



I took Charlotte, along with two other students, to Oxford University for a residential trip during the Easter holidays for the final and Charlotte was announced as the overall winner, earning herself an all-expenses paid trip to CERN in Switzerland. The final included a question time style Q&A with Charlotte being grilled by three Oxford Physics professors and she did brilliantly. She was knowledgeable, calm and confident and she did herself, and the school, proud. You can find out more about the competition and watch Charlotte's winning entry at <https://physicspartners.com/competition-shortlist/>

During the event Charlotte also got to meet the 'famous' Physics YouTuber Lewis Matheson. Charlotte said, "Although it would be cooler to say I was drawn to the competition by the prospect of a free holiday, the truth is I really love reading into physics and engineering concepts and I immediately was drawn to researching clocks. I was particularly interested in John Harrison, a carpenter who changed time keeping forever. We had a wonderful time staying at Merton College in Oxford University, astounded they have lasagne for LUNCH in the formal hall! The professors were impressed by my presentation and I am delighted to be visiting CERN in Switzerland with my classmates as part of winning first prize. In addition, the physics department will receive £1000 for equipment!"

Mr Ross Robinson, Teacher of Physics

Eid Celebrations

Tutor time on Thursday 18th April with 9Ridgeway included a special celebration as they hosted a party in the Bridge Club to celebrate Eid, led by Mr Godfray and Sahar Al Kadri (9Ridgeway). The party featured Eid music and Eid bunting, snacks, chocolates and balloons, as well as a short speech by Ghalia Tomeh(10Burrows) about the meaning of Ramadan and Eid. Twelve of our students across the different school years have been observing Ramadan, which culminated with the sighting of the moon and Eid ul-Fitr on 10th April. Special invitations were designed and delivered to invite them all to join with 9Ridgeway. Everyone enjoyed the chance to try a selection of delicious Eid treats kindly baked by Sahar's mum, including ma'amoul (butter cookies filled with chopped dates), seed biscuits and warm puff-pastry triangles stuffed with rose-scented curd cheese. It was a true privilege to be together and our special thanks go to Mr Godfray and all who helped make this possible. Eid Mubarak!



Mrs Susie Cooke & Mrs Angela Smith

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

This year we have our biggest ever cohort working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Last weekend saw 36 Year 10 students embark on their Practice Expedition, walking from West Dean to Upwaltham. The weather was not particularly kind, with the worst winds and rain ever experienced on an expedition but this did not dampen their spirits in any way!



The groups were absolutely fantastic at showcasing their navigation, campcraft, cooking and teamwork skills; and we as a team are really proud of their achievement. Hopefully the weather will be much more seasonal for their Qualifying expedition in June. Well done everyone!

Kat Wells, Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



Sporting News

Our students have had some amazing sporting achievements this half term:

Congratulations to Sam Machell (8Burrows) who was a part of Great Britain's sailing team who went to Holland this Easter to compete with 170 optimist boats from all over the world in the Magic Marine Easter Regatta 2024. Sam managed to qualify for the Gold Fleet and finished 42nd overall in the regatta. He was the 7th British boat out of 50.



Congratulations to Elsie Huxtable (7Ridgeway) who competed in the South East Regional Championships in May. Elsie did extremely well as such a huge gala. She swam eight races, made six finals, came 4th in the 50m freestyle and 100m freestyle, won a bronze in her 100m breast and went sub 30seconds in her 50m free.

Thomas Francis (9King) and Charlie Francis (7King) are competing in the National Mountain Bike Downhill Series. They will be competing in Fort William, Scotland during the first weekend of half term. Thomas is currently ranked 4th in the country, which is fantastic. We wish them both every success in the upcoming National MTB DH Series.



National Choir Competition – the Results are in!

In January we entered our Luffa *La Diva* choir into the National Choir Competition. The results are in ... *La Diva* scored 88/100 which earned them a Silver award (they missed the Gold award by 2 marks!). This is a wonderful achievement as at the point of entry the choir had only been together less than a year and it is their first competition.



This is what the UK Schools Music Festival adjudicator Victoria Simmonds had to say, "Thank you for this lovely performance of *Never Enough* from the Greatest Showman and *City of Stars* from La La Land. I really enjoyed listening to your well-balanced show choir. The moments when you all burst out into multiple harmonies are really special, and it was really nice to hear those moments of quiet unison as well. You followed your conductor very well, whether she was playing or conducting you – well done! The synchronisation of your consonants was really good – you clearly are excellent at listening to each other. It sounded like one voice at times."

Congratulations go to Mary Pitts (11Sherborne), Rachael Osmond (9Andrewes), Sophie Williams (10Otter), Tilly Goodband (9Andrewes), Poppy Hine (9Story), Keturah Peirson (11Burrows), Kate Horgan (9King), Kitty Alden (7Otter), Lucy Pitts (9Sherborne), Annalise Clark (9Wilson), Jessica Smith (10Burrows), Thea Miller

(9King), Abi Hughes (10Sherborne), Olive Kus (9King), Lilly Pearce (8Burrows), Kitty Goodband (9Andrewes), Laila Fletcher (9Andrewes), Daisy Chapman (11Ridgeway), Hebe Winstanley (10Burrows), Kathy Nightingale (10Burrows), Beth Houston (8Wilson), and Evie Castle (10King). We are very excited to welcome our new members: Eve Williams (7Otter), Louisa Smith (8Otter), Erin Selves (8Wilson), Erin Sherwell (7Ridgeway), Amelie Evans (9Ridgeway), Effie Watson (7Sherborne) and Mia Fletcher (7Andrewes).

Jane Bowen-Melfi, Head of Music

Year 12 Product Design Students meet Kevin McCloud and Bill Bailey at Goodwoof 2024

This was a remarkable opportunity for our students to talk about their work with Kevin McCloud, who is deeply involved in the *Barkitecture* Project. It was a testament to the hard work and innovation of our students that they have such recognition and appreciation from the industry. You can read more about this exciting news in an article featured on the Goodwoof website found [here](#).

A big well done to our amazing Year 12 design students.

James Bonney,
Head of Design & Technology



News from the Spanish Department

Our partner school from Spain, Nuryana School, paid us a visit at the beginning of May, and we were extremely happy to host them and spend the whole day together.

We had 140 Spanish students and a lovely group of Spanish teachers. Our Year 8 enjoyed doing language activities with them but the highlight of the day was that they got to meet their pen pals in person.



The weather was fantastic so we ended the day teaching them how to play rounders and making an art project to decorate our classrooms. Our members of the International Team played an important role making sure that everything run smoothly and keeping everyone happy. Well done! We have been doing this for three years now so we decided to take a group photo together to mark our tradition. It was so many of us that it was a challenge to fit everyone in!



We are already planning our visit to their school in Tenerife this June. We cannot wait to experience a day in a Spanish school! More photos from the day can be found on the school website

<https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/photo-gallery/spanish-visitors-may-2024/>

Year 7 started studying Spanish this half term and took part on a language competition called "Mafalda". Quino was an Argentinian illustrator whose comics were very famous around the world. His main character was a very intelligent and rebel girl called "Mafalda". Students in Year 7 have learnt about the Mafalda comics and the messages of peace and love that Mafalda has been spreading around the world for many years.



The winner of the competition was Effie Watson in 7Sherborne - congratulations Effie! Effie's creation was not only beautiful, it also has her favourite Mafalda's quote.

We are giving the best Mafaldas in the whole year to our partner school in Spain so their students in Year 7 can start to know us better. We are sure the Spanish students will love their present!

Elizabeth López Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish & International School Coordinator



Performing Arts

On Sunday 19th May we took part in the CYD South East Performing Arts Challenge for Dance. The day was a lot of fun and a valuable learning experience. We were lucky to win medals in every category we entered. Indi's Modern Dance won 2nd place in her category. Niamh won 1st place for Modern, 2nd place for Ballet, and 2nd place for Lyrical.

Niamh & Indi Clark-Lyons (King House)



TeenTech Finals

After Bishop Luffa entered the South East region *TeenTech* event in November, and ten of our students won Best Physical Innovation, we were strongly encouraged to enter teams for the *TeenTech* finals.

The Design and Technology department supported three groups in entering the finals, during lunch breaks and after school, fitting around other extra-curricular activities. Due to the hard work and dedication of our students one of the team entries has made the finals – Bella Wright (9Burrows) and Emmy Lamb (9Wilson) - Project 'Lock and Go Biometric Bike Lock'.

Over 300 schools registered for the *TeenTech* Awards and 14,000 students participated in the *TeenTech* Festivals and Innovation Live sessions which lead into the *TeenTech* Award programme. Over a thousand students completed projects and 68 teams will present to judges on the 28th June in London, Bishop Luffa being one of them.



The *TeenTech* Awards, established in 2012/2013, have become a prestigious event for schools, significantly contributing to students' understanding of how science and technology can be applied to solve real-world problems. This event encourages students to develop innovative ideas aimed at improving life, making it safer, simpler, or more enjoyable. Participation in the *TeenTech* Awards provides a structured approach and industry contacts, making it a powerful educational tool. To ensure students have the best possible experience, preparations are necessary before the big day on the 28th June. These include refining projects, preparing presentations, and ensuring all necessary materials and details are ready for the final judging. Good luck Bella and Emmy.

James Bonney, Head of Design & Technology

The Big Hoot

Bishop Luffa students are taking part in an exciting event that will be happening in Chichester and Arundel this summer. It's called The Big Hoot and is a sculpture trail of lots of different owls painted by local artists and schools to raise money for Chestnut Tree House. It is a fantastic charity which gives hope and support to many local children and their families and is supported by Ridgeway House. The Art department held a competition for the design of our owl which was won by Molly Stanhope (7Wilson).



Students have decided to combine ideas from other designs as well and the owl is currently being painted by students ready for the trail.



We still have a little way to go to meet our fund-raising target so if you are able to support us then please do so via our [Justgiving page](#). Thank you for your support.

Laurelly Thorpe, Team Leader of Art

International Training Programme

As part of the Bishop Luffa International Training Programme, we are hosting four trainee teachers from South Korea. They are part of a delegation to the University of Chichester from the Ministry of Education in South Korea and they are going spend a week with us. During their stay they observe a variety of lessons, have training sessions and also teach some cultural and language lessons to our students. Our student International Team are looking after them to make sure they can find their lessons and can communicate with everyone.



On their first day, we prepared a little welcome ceremony for them and decorated the school library with traditional Korean Costumes to make them feel at home. We also bought them some English tea and shortbread biscuits to enjoy at break time. Our wonderful librarian, Mx Thomas have allowed us to use the library every lunch time to share lunch with them and learn about Korean culture. We will be learning about their Language, traditions and even about Korean pop music (something our students are really looking forward to!). For their last day we have prepared and farewell session and we will be doing an English pub quiz. We will see who knows more about English culture, them or us!

Elizabeth López-Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish & International School Coordinator

Remembering D-Day

With the 80th anniversary of D-Day approaching, a group of Year 9 students took a trip to the D-Day Story Museum in Portsmouth to help grow their understanding of Operation Overlord. The museum helped students understand the monumental effort that was the Normandy landings by walking them through the extensive planning and build up to the invasion of Normandy, sharing the experiences of the allied forces on the beaches and discussing the impact that D-Day had in bringing the Second World War to a conclusion. The students were curious, excellently behaved and their



reflections on why D-Day was so crucial were thoughtful. Highlights included the 83-metre-long Overlord Embroidery and the excellently restored LCT-7074, the last surviving Landing Craft Tank from D-Day.

As a School we will consider the significance of D-Day during registration time in the first week back after half term, which coincides with the 80th anniversary of this hugely significant event.

Justin Barnett, Head of Humanities

International Team Assembly at Nyewood Infant School

Our International Team was invited to deliver an International assembly at Nyewood Infant School this term.

Students at the infant school are learning about water pollution and how animals can be harmed if we litter our rivers and sea. To fit with their curriculum, we decided to prepare a short theatre play about how to recycle our rubbish to protect our wildlife. Our students spent a month making their costume and rehearsing their lines. It was a lovely to see them so excited and proud to represent Bishop Luffa. We ended our assembly with a "Just Dance" performance of "My Lighthouse".



Miss Wells, Head of Nyewood Infant School, said that their pupils got so much from this experience and that the International Team is a credit to the Bishop Luffa School. We cannot wait to come back soon again!

Elizabeth López-Gamero, Team Leader of Spanish & International School Coordinator

Dance – Spring 2024

March and April were extremely busy months 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. 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 Andrewes 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.



On the final day of the Spring term our amazing Year 13 A Level students had their final practical exam. They performed solo and group performances plus they presented their final group choreographies. They were ably supported by a number of talented dancers from Years 10, 11 and 12.

After Easter we took the Year 10 BTEC Dance students to perform at Dance House at the Pavilion Theatre in Worthing. They performed really well and were a credit to the school.

We recently said farewell to our Year 11 BTEC Dance students and Year 13 A Level 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. Many are continuing their studies in Dance most notably Caitlin Waldron (13Otter) who has secured a place at Trinity Laban Conservatoire for Dance and Olivia Baggott (13Andrewes) who is currently making a choice between Royal Academy of Dance and Bath Spa University.



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

Christian Union Trip to Christian Youth Enterprise (CYE)

On Friday 10th May Bishop Luffa Christian Union headed off on their residential weekend to the CYE centre in Chidham. It was a fantastic weekend, jam-packed with land and water activities, plenty of singing, fellowship, and lots of great food.

Students arrived on Friday, and it wasn't long before they were playing football, and enjoying a camp fire with obligatory s'mores. It was that evening, we all realised that Mrs Bradberry, and Andy Morgan could give Harry Kane a run for his money!



On Saturday, we got the opportunity to go sailing and kayaking. It was fantastic, as many of the CYE leaders were previous, or current, Bishop Luffa Students. It very much felt like a family reunion. We managed to fit in some crabbing before dinner, and I can confirm no crabs were harmed! This was followed by singing, testimonies, and games from 'One Church', in Emsworth. We managed to sing what is fast becoming the school anthem, 'My Lighthouse', on the CYE boat- a Bishop Luffa first! We ended the evening with the option of watching a movie in the snug, or playing some games.



On our final day, we got to have a go at tunnelling and marshmallow archery, followed by a wonderful Sunday roast.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Bradberry, Mrs Copeland, Rev. Andy Morgan and the CYE staff team for all their help. Furthermore, a very special thanks goes out to all the wonderful students on the trip. They represented the school incredibly well, and we were very proud of them. It was very much a weekend where we experienced 'life in all its fullness.'

Mrs Claire Duke, Head of RE



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 they 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 Half Term. Please leave them at reception for Alison Congalton.



Recycling

Don't forget we have a recycling box in Reception for the Charity 4sight Vision Support in Bognor.



<https://www.4sight.org.uk/recycle/> Please click on the link to see what they can recycle... including mobile phones, nets from mini-cheeses and pringles tubes.

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)

The following subjects are being covered.



Year 7	Multicultural Britain Identity Nature vs Nurture Stereotypes Equality Act Discrimination	Year 8	Law Crime & Society Prison or Reform LGBT Gambling – Loot boxes/Apps	Year 9	HBT – Bullying Finance – saving and managing money Finance budgeting and debt Careers
Year 10	First Aid Modern Day Slavery Knife Crime Acid Attacks Cults				

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 and July:

- All students taking exams.
- Year 11 Prom and the Year 13 Leavers' Ball.
- Year 6 transition to secondary school.
- Preparations for our Diamond Jubilee celebrations
- Preparations for Fruition, Sports Day and House Drama
- All our staff and students at Launchpad

School Calendar

Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Thursday 6 th June	Year 12 Parents' & Carers' Higher Education Meeting
Monday 10 th June	PFA Uniform Shop (2.00pm – 3.30pm)
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th June	Year 9 Exams Week
Wednesday 12 th June	Fruition
Thursday 13 th June	PFA Meeting (6.30pm)
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st June	Year 12 Exams Week
Monday 24 th June	Year 13 Leavers' Ball
Tuesday 25 th June	House Drama / Enterprise Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 9 Vaccinations
Wednesday 26 th June	House Drama Finals
Friday 28 th June	Year 11 Prom
Saturday 29 th June	60 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service at Chichester Cathedral
Monday 1 st July	Year 6 Parents' & Carers' Induction Evening
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 7 into Year 8 Parents' & Carers' Information Evening
Thursday 4 th July	Year 10 into Year 11 Parents' & Carers' Information Evening
Monday 8 th – Saturday 20 th July	Year 12 Tanzania Trip to support the work of Grassroots
Tuesday 9 th July	PFA Meeting (6.30pm)
Friday 12 th July	Sports Day
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Monday 22 nd July	Last day of Summer Term
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET Day

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