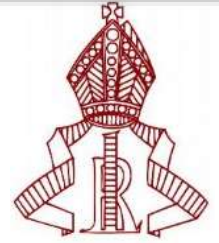


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Dear friends of Bishop Luffa School,

This term we celebrated the school's 60th anniversary in a service of Thanksgiving at Chichester Cathedral. It was wonderful to see the past, present and future of the school all together in one place. One of our speakers, Dr Josephine Kwahli, was from the very first class to enter Bishop Luffa, back when they were in temporary accommodation in Orchard Street. Dr Kwahli's message about social equality was very powerful: that the school was originally filled by children who hadn't passed the 11-plus, who felt unwanted by other schools and who were only given a chance because of the mission of the Church of England. That Bishop Luffa school went from such humble beginnings to becoming a school that means so much to so many, is a testament to the work of many people, all guided by the Holy Spirit. As another school year ends, it is a privilege to be able to carry on that work.

I hope that you enjoy our final newsletter from our 60th anniversary year!

Best wishes,

Austen Hindman,
Head Teacher.



Cup Winners & Head Teacher Awards

The end of term was a big week for House competitions. The winners were:

The Sparx Cup went to King House;

The Sports Cup, which combines all of the inter-House competition, went to Ridgeway;

The Sports Day Trophy went to Burrows and King (it was a dead heat!);

The Alternative Sports Day Trophy went to Toby Hunwicke, 7Sherborne;



And the big one...the House Cup...went to...

SHERBORNE!

A first win for Mr George and his House, so well done!

The Head Teacher awards for most House Points in each year and House went to:

Year 7 and Story – Joseph Cleaver-Emons

Year 8 and Burrows – Ben Pitkin

Year 9 – Razvan Hitikas

Year 10 – Nathan Goodge

Andrewes – Chloe Dearling

King – Holly Ratcliffe

Otter – Lisa Aluckal

Ridgeway – Isla Brown

Sherborne – Jamie Botham

Wilson – Phoebe Coton

Special Award for Progress – Sahar Al Kadri, 9Ridgeway

Special Award for Contribution to School Life – Isaac Siddle, 10King

Karen Goding Memorial Trophy for Contribution to Music – Lucy Pitts, 9Sherborne.





Worship Leaders in Primary Schools

A big WELL DONE to all our Worship leaders visiting primary schools delivering assemblies this year, what a success it has been!

The challenge for the students is to create an assembly presentation based on a valuable story from the bible, to engage, inspire and encourage the children whilst making it relatable and relevant. We have had so much fun creating plays, quizzes, teaching worship songs and it has been so rewarding to see the students grow in confidence and self-esteem, and learn a whole range of skillsets which will help them in life.

Well done to all the students involved.

Clare Lancaster, Primary School Worship Leader



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifier Expedition

On the 8th to 9th June, 44 of our students took part in their Bronze Award Expedition weekend. This time we were blessed with the perfect weather conditions and we, as a team, are so incredibly proud of the students for successfully completing their final expedition. The assessors were impressed with their teamwork skills, and despite a few occasions where some groups were 'temporarily off their routes', all groups passed. This year has been the biggest cohort that the school has worked with and it has been a pleasure to work with all of the students over the last few months. Photos of all the groups can be found on the school website <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/photo-gallery/bronze-duke-of-edinburgh-2024/>



We are hoping to hold a presentation evening in September where parents and carers will be invited to come and hear about their incredible achievement and see them receive their certificates. Thank you to everyone involved with the Bronze award this year, we couldn't provide this opportunity for students without you.

Kat Wells, Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Sporting News

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

Well done to Reuben Shewan (8Wilson), who qualified to represent Sussex at the English Schools Regional Combined Athletics Competition on 22nd June. Reuben came 4th out of 17th athletes.



Charlie Gran (12Burrows) has been having a fantastic summer so far. Charlie won overall Men's Silver medal and Bronze medal overall in this year's European Championships in Poland.

This was followed up by the equivalent of the Youth Olympics where his team finished up in the Silver medal position. They were very close to a Gold medal but just lost out in the last moments of the final race. It is an outstanding display of determination, mindset and

application. Charlie is now busy preparing for the Youth Sailing World Championships taking place in Aarhus, Denmark at the end of July.

This year's Sussex Athletics County Championships saw Amelia McGurk (13Ridgeway) collect two medals – her efforts in the U20 400m gained her a superb 2nd place Silver and a Gold in the U20/Senior 4 x 100m Relay. In her final Sussex Schools Championships Amelia had a great weekend running season's bests in both the 200m and 400m coming away with Bronze and Silver medals respectively. Her move to Brighton & Hove Athletics Club this season has seen her form part of the Senior Women's 5 x 400m Relay

Team and earning the club a new PB of 4:02.06. They are currently ranked 31st in the UK behind International and top University teams.



Congratulations to Jack Slade (7Story) who completed a coast-to-coast cycle in Devon with his dad, riding from Plymouth to Ilfracombe – 105 miles – in one day!

Fantastic Baking

Over three lessons, students designed, prepared and cooked Victoria Sponges as part of their GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition modules linked to Raising Agents and Plate Presentation. The cakes all look amazing.

Allan Thompson, Team Leader of Food Preparation & Nutrition



The Big Hoot

Our Bishop Luffa owl is now out on the trail and can be found in Penny Plain in East Street, Chichester. Please do go and see it. Well done to all the students who were involved in creating it including Molly Stanhope (7Wilson), Jamie Botham (7Sherborne), Lucy Green (7Otter), Bebe Oliver (7Otter), Imogen Smith (10Otter), Alexandra Rattray (10King), Erin Pullen (12Sherborne) and Anja Rose (12Wilson). Once the trail has finished the owl will come back to school for us to display.

Laurelly Thorpe
Team Leader of Art



Ollie Bowman awarded The Spirit of Cricket

On a fresh morning at Chichester Priory Park Bishop Luffa welcomed the custodians of cricket, Marylebone Cricket Club for our annual cricket match.

Bishop Luffa welcomed back captain for the day Ollie Fuller, and Andrew Crookham and Joe Fuller as part of a young and developing team who showed great fight and potential. Finlay Rustell (11Ridgeway) and Ollie Fuller opened the bowling and showed early hope creating pressure for Ollie Bowman (10Ridgeway) to take the first wicket of the day within the first hour of the day. Joe Fuller's off-spin then prised the second wicket and the team were buoyant with the MCC 90 for two wickets.

The renowned high-quality batting from MCC put Bishop Luffa to the sword in the second half of the innings with great persistence from Kai Lendrum (10Burrows) and Andrew Crookham, and pressure was applied. There was great vibrancy and 'never say die' attitude in the field from Ezra Osborne (9Otter), Oscar Dutton (9Burrows) and Ron Renjith (10King).

Turners pies arrived at the perfect time for Bishop Luffa to recoup and speak to the MCC players to learn about their pathway through cricket and share stories. A big thank you to Fenwick's café for supplying tea and coffee for all the players, and the volunteer umpires who kindly gave their time up to be with us.



Josh Pollock (9Story) and Ollie Bowman opened the batting off the back of scoring 75 and 48 in recent club and school innings. Luffa raced to 37 without loss with Bowman driving through cover and clipping through midwicket effortlessly. The partnership gave the team a great base before Pollock was caught at square leg and the team were unable to threaten the MCC total of 244.

At the end of the match the MCC awarded Ollie Bowman with the ‘Spirit of Cricket’ award for his tight bowling and glorious opening batting display. A big thank you to Jeremy Goode for supporting Bishop Luffa to grow this annual match against the MCC and making the game what it is today, to all the players from the MCC, umpires and Fenwick’s café.

Tim Godfray, Team Leader of PE

Fruition 2024

I do not know how we manage it, but we were blessed again with good weather on the evening of the Art Faculty’s Annual Fruition showcase. Our fellow creatives from the Design and Technology Faculty joined in the celebrations for another year. The evening was a huge success with all departments showcasing their fantastic work. Photos from the event can be found on the school website <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/student-leadership/photo-gallery/fruition-2024/>

Our audience were able to wander through the arts spaces and outside spaces absorbing the creative atmosphere. Family, friends and students viewed an Art Exhibition presenting the work of GCSE and A Level Art students; enjoyed Dance performances; watched some extracts from this year’s House Drama Festival and were fed and watered by our wonderful PFA.



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

Design and Technology proudly presented a range of exhibits of products designed by students plus there was a chance to buy crepes and waffles and find out more about the Green Power Team's car 'Mercury'. Awards were also handed out to the Ambassadors for Design and Technology 2024.

The event was also supported by our Technical Youth Theatre crew, led by Mr Green, who provided sound and lighting across the evening.



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

Here's to Fruition 2025!

Jo Lawlor, Head of Arts Faculty

Greece Trip 2024

Earlier this year 26 students from Years 10, 11 and 12 flew to Greece on the Classics and Latin trip. We spent the first two days viewing many of the sites we study for Classical Civilisation A Level including the Theatre of Dionysus and the Theatre of Thorikos. We were also able to enjoy the astounding Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion, The Acropolis and its museum, taking in the sight of the birthplace of Western democracy at the Pnyx and the hill from which St Paul preached, as well as seeing the main sights in Athens.

Day 3 took us to Delphi with a brilliant guide who blew us all away, drawing connections between language, myths, geography, religious practices, art and literature.



Day 4 took us to the Ancient site of Olympia and everyone ran or walked the original first running track that was first used there well over two and half millennia ago. We then stayed at the beautiful town of Nafplio and enjoyed some freedom exploring the shops and the water front. Our last morning took us to Mycenae and the Lion Gate and ancient beehive tomb of Atreus. We returned sun-warmed, well fed, and vastly enriched by all the culture and beauty we had seen.

Chloë Barnett, Teacher of Latin & Classical Civilisation



Students enjoy Jam Café on Enterprise Day

Students enjoyed making tie dye tote bags and clay pinch pots as part of their wellbeing session on House Drama and Enterprise Day.

Jam Café is a CIC, supporting Creative Beatz charity to provide alternative provision opportunities in the Arts for young people. It is open Monday- Friday from 4pm until 6pm as a drop-in youth café, offering art and music classes and local events.



All of the students wanted to stay longer than their allocated session and several have said they will come back! With thanks to Sarah and Maddie for running the sessions.

Kate Christie, Assistant Headteacher - Wellbeing

Story House win House Drama Finals

We are delighted to announce that Story House are the winners of Bishop Luffa House Drama Festival 2024 with their engaging and emotive interpretation of *Blood Brothers*, directed by Tilly Groves (12Story).

Bishop Luffa's House Drama Festival started on Tuesday 25th June with the all-day Festival. It was a lively event again this year, with a great range of drama achieved by all eight Houses. The Festival is a showcase of performing talent with Sixth Formers directing students from Years 7-10 in short play as part of a House competition.



The four finalists who performed to an audience of special guests, parents, carers and friends were: Andrewes House with *'Over the Wall'*, Burrows House with *'Fantastic Mr Fox'*, Story House with *'Blood Brothers'* and Otter House with *'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'*.



Our judge this year was stage actress and previous parent of the school, Isobel Arnett. Her feedback recognised the very high standard of performance work achieved by all four finalists. It was an electric evening and a wonderful celebration of Bishop Luffa Drama with a huge response from the audience and high tension during the judge's feedback at the end.

Nicky Furnell, Team Leader of Drama

TeenTech Finals 2024

On Friday, 28th June, Bella Wright (9Burrows) and Emmy Lamb (9Wilson) proudly represented our school at the TeenTech 2024 finals. The event, which gathers school teams from across the UK, was a remarkable platform for students to showcase their innovative projects and engage with industry experts.

Bella and Emmy's hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. Their project attracted the attention of several industry professionals, earning them significant recognition. The event was also a fantastic opportunity for collaboration and networking, providing our students with valuable connections and insights into the world of technology and innovation.

In an outstanding achievement, Bella and Emmy walked away with three certificates, including the prestigious 'Best Ethical Thinker' award. This is a testament to their thoughtful approach and commitment to creating solutions with a positive impact.



[Click on this link](#) to view a video of the day, capturing the excitement and highlights of the event. Congratulations to Bella and Emmy for their outstanding accomplishments!

James Bonney, Head of Design & Technology

Election time at Bishop Luffa School

Thank you everybody, especially Year 12 politics students, for your contribution to making as much as possible of the General Election.

Before the General Election we had election hustings, where all five parties were represented, outlined their policies and took questions from an eager crowd. All week, Connect assemblies connected good governance with God's common grace. Then on General Election Thursday, students had the chance to practice voting in our own mock election. Ballot papers, polling stations and voting booths gave everyone the chance to vote for the party of their choice.



After a late surge, I can announce that if Bishop Luffa were a constituency, the Liberal-Democrats would be representing us in parliament. With a 35% turnout, the results are as follows:

	Share of Vote
Conservative Party	7.84
Labour	21.32
Liberal Democrats	34.31
Reform	21.81
Green Party	14.71

Congratulations to Lib Dems, Isabel, Freya, Maisie and Caitlin and thank you everyone for taking part!

Matt Luff, Teacher of Politics & Economics

Students perform at South East Hants Youth Orchestra's Inaugural Concert

Four musicians from Bishop Luffa recently played at the inaugural performance of the newly formed South East Hants Youth Orchestra (out of about 30 musicians). Ben Webster (11Sherborne) was impressive as leader of the orchestra and Jasim Rahman (12Burrows) played the 1st movement of Grieg's Piano concerto which was a really outstanding performance.

Other Luffa performers were Myah Brent (11Sherborne) on flute, Jasim on violin (when not playing the piano!), and Rebecca King (8Otter) on clarinet.

The orchestra is open to musicians who can play at Grade 6 level or above and they are keen to recruit new members. Further information is available on the SHYO website [SHYO — The Southern Music Project](#)



Jane Bowen-Melfi, Head of Music

Bishop Luffa retains Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

We are pleased to announce that the Eco-Committee at school has been successful in meeting the requirements of the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. This is what Eco-Schools had to say,

“It is evident that young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and passionate about protecting our planet - your large Eco-Committee, 17 members in total, clearly demonstrates this. The work of your large Eco-Committee is supported by two adults. This tells us that your school champions environmental education and youth-led eco-action. We loved reading the documentation and they gave the Eco-Schools Team insight into the discussions that took place. Your Eco-Committee created an Action Plan using insights gained when completing the Environmental Review. This strategic approach will target areas where your school is less sustainable, empowering your Eco-Committee to maximise their impacts. It is clear that whilst developing your plan consideration was given to how you could expand the reach of your Eco-Schools' work to your whole school.



“Your curriculum link examples are impressively extensive and varied, showing your school's integration of environmental issues across a variety of subjects and year groups. They are relevant, practical, and fun. Staff members in your school put considerable effort into preparing them. Thank you so much for sharing schemes of work in your application, they helped our team understand and appreciate the environmental learning occurring in your school. Your Eco-Committee has diligently kept their schoolmates and school community informed of their progress, we especially like how they have used 'Go Green Week' and 'Cut your Carbon Month' – a truly whole school approach. Your Eco-Board is a wonderful celebration of the

environmental action happening in your school. Your Eco-Board helped bring your Eco-Schools' work to life. You state that the most significant success of your Eco-Schools' work was the 'Go Green Week' as it reached out to the whole school – the Chicken Club being extremely popular. We agree that this is a phenomenal achievement!

“You encountered various challenges during your Eco-Schools' journey including keeping momentum. However, with flexibility and tenacity, you and your Eco-Committee skilfully navigated these



obstacles. During your Eco-Schools' journey, your passionate and ambitious Eco-Committee has created many positive impacts including planting fruit trees in the grounds, setting up a chicken coop, incorporating a 'no mow area', and compost bins. Your final Eco-Code is an aspirational call to action, explaining exactly how your school and its pupils will look after our planet – we especially like the line, 'We think Green'. Your application has been an absolute delight to assess. You've made an incredible impact in your school and local community and serve as an inspiration to all. Congratulations on earning the Eco-Schools' Green Flag 2024.”



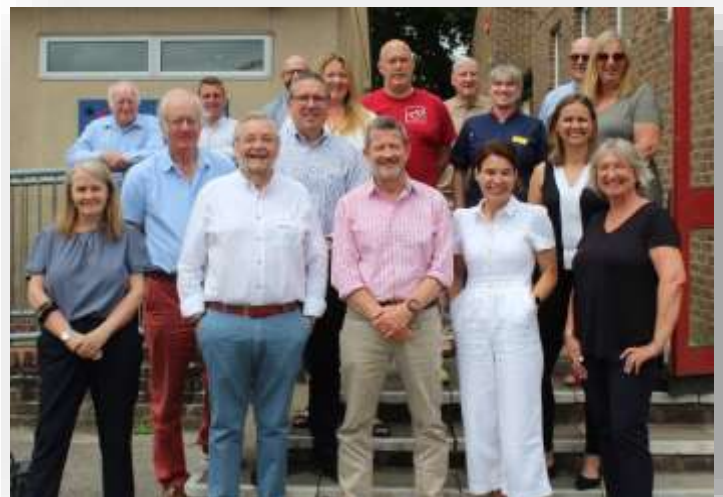
Alison Congalton, Eco-Committee Leader

Year 10 undertake Mock Interviews

For the third year in a row Bishop Luffa School and the Rotary Club of Chichester Priory have collaborated to deliver the mock interviews programme to Year 10 students.

Over the three years, a total of 643 students have benefitted from the experience. The concept is that the first interview the students have should not be the one that matters.

This year the programme was delivered with the help of a pool of industry professionals who collectively over two days interviewed 215 students. The students prepare a short CV in advance, they are briefed by colleagues from the Rotary Club and then have one to one interviews and personal feedback to help them in future interview situations.



Organisations that supported us this year are Lewis Brownlee, Chichester Recruitment, The NHS, Chichester Community Development Trust, Chichester District Council, Pink Sauce Leasing, West Dean College, Tradermate Ltd, Millstream Productions, Wotter Group, Fincoco Financial Coaching, De 'Longhi Group, DEFRA, Optimum People, Algolia, BBC, Henry Adams and a group of independent professionals who gave of their time.

Angie Hopp, Careers Coordinator



Chicken Club

This year has been the first year of having chickens at Bishop Luffa. On the 4th November, 10 rescue hens came to live in the coop outside the food-tech block. Members of the Chicken Club help take care of the chickens by collecting eggs, refilling water and food, scooping poop and making sure our much-loved chickens are happy. Alongside the general chicken club, there are wellbeing sessions run, such as calm chicken time in the mornings, for students who would benefit from the more therapeutic aspect of caring for the animals. At weekends and holidays students and families help out by checking up on the chickens and caring for them. Recently, a beautiful hen, Snowy, and a number of chicks have come to live at school. They were warmly welcomed by everyone due to their extreme cuteness.



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We would like to thank Scarterfields for helping providing feed and bedding and Nyetimber Logs for providing the woodchip. Also a big thank you to Her Grace, the Duchess of Norfolk, and everybody who has supported us and donated to our JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bishop-luffa-chickens?utm_term=VeVnMK8PX.



Everyone (families, students and staff) who help at weekends and during holidays also deserve our biggest thanks, as does Mrs Fowles, without whom this project wouldn't have happened. We all love having chickens at school and look forward to many more years of their presence.

**Niamh Clark-Lyons (9King) and
Anna Swain (9King)**

Bishop Luffa Shines at Schools Sailing Week

The annual Schools Sailing Week at Itchenor Sailing Club was a fantastic display of skill, teamwork, and perseverance. Out of the 96 boats competing, 12 were from Bishop Luffa, showcasing both seasoned sailors and enthusiastic newcomers.

This national event posed a significant challenge, with gusts reaching over 20 knots. Despite these tough conditions, all Bishop Luffa participants demonstrated exceptional determination and competitive spirit. It was particularly impressive that even those experiencing their first event managed to complete all seven races over the two days, a testament to their resilience and commitment.

The remarkable camaraderie within the Bishop Luffa team was evident throughout the competition and embodied the school's ethos of teamwork and mutual encouragement, with each sailor not only pushing their own limits but also supporting their peers. The students were clearly committed to enjoying themselves and making the most of this incredible opportunity.

Bishop Luffa's sailing prowess was highlighted by two boats securing spots in the top ten. Isla Hill (9Otter) and Isabelle Tonks (10King) finished 10th. Jack Gardner (10Otter) and George Long (10Otter) also achieved an outstanding 9th place. Given the high calibre of the competition, all of the Bishop Luffa placements were commendable and reflect the skill and determination of our sailors.

Overall, the Schools Sailing Week was a memorable and successful event for Bishop Luffa, reinforcing the school's reputation for excellence and sportsmanship. The following 24 students took part - Jack Gardner (10Otter), George Long (10Otter), Isla Hill (9Otter), Isabelle Tonks (10King), Charlie Mealing (10Otter), Matthew Board (10Andrewes), Benjamin Gardner (9Otter),

Zac Robst (9Wilson), Eva Jones (10Story), Alice King (8Burrows), Noah Chisnall (8King), Luke Pendry (8Ridgeway), Hugh Williams (10Wilson), Joseph Clark (10Wilson), George Phillips (9Andrewes), Ben Stewart (9Andrewes), Ted Probee (8King), Thomas Mealing (8Otter), Olaf Storton (9Ridgeway), Ben Taylor (9Ridgeway), Louie Faulkner (8Sherborne), Emmy Boden (8Story), Lara Cook (8Andrewes), and Amy King (8King).



Computer Science Trip to Bletchley Park and National Museum of Computing

Our GCSE and A Level Computer Science students recently enjoyed a fascinating trip to Bletchley Park and the National Museum of Computing, delving into the rich history and evolution of computing.

Bletchley Park: Cracking the Lorenz Cipher

At Bletchley Park, students attended a learning session on the Lorenz cipher, used by the German High Command during WWII. They learned about John Tiltman's breakthrough in deciphering Lorenz and engaged in tasks that illustrated the complexity of this cipher, focusing on binary operations and the XOR function. Key activities included:

- Understanding WWII ciphers and the challenges of breaking them.
- Exploring the vast settings of the Lorenz machine.
- Collaboratively solving problems based on historical events.



After the learning session, the students enjoyed a guided tour of Bletchley Park, followed by time to explore the historic site on their own, gaining further insight into the lives and work of the wartime codebreakers.

National Museum of Computing: Evolution of Technology

The visit continued at the National Museum of Computing, where students participated in a guided tour showcasing the evolution of computing technology.

Highlights included:

- Viewing historic computers in operation, from WWII code-breaking machines to the first digital semi-programmable computer.
- Learning about the development of mainframes, supercomputers, and personal computers.
- Discovering the impact of modern microprocessors, mobile technology, and the internet.



This trip provided our students with a deeper understanding of the history of computing, inspiring them to appreciate the technological advancements that shape our world today.

Helen Williams, Team Leader of Computer Science

Year 7 visit the Winchester Science Centre

Our Year 7 students had a great time visiting the Winchester Science Centre, to learn all about the stars, space and how rockets are designed. This tied in with the topics being learnt on the Earth and a previous topic on Forces.

The day consisted of time spent in two interactive exhibitions, where students could touch, feel, build and design a number of science/career exhibits. They then had an amazing Planetarium show, with commentary on our solar system. Each class took part in a workshop, where they were shown how to construct model rockets in teams, which were then fired across the room to see whose rocket went the farthest with the best design. This was very competitive and the students all took an active part in the workshop. A follow up homework back in class has been to design a rocket using the ideas from the workshop. Prizes were tickets to return to the Winchester Science Centre over the holidays.



Feedback from the students was all positive, with many saying how much they enjoyed the experience. Staff were delighted with how amazing our students were and how well behaved and interested in the day they all were. Well done Year 7 and thank you for a fantastic science trip.

Jane Tyler, Science KS3 Lead

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Qualifier Expedition

A huge congratulations to all the Gold Duke of Edinburgh students who successfully completed their expedition in the Lake District in July 2024. Both the Scrambled Legs group and the Ying and Yang group experienced the highs and lows of their four-day expedition – with both teams wild camping and climbing several Wainwrights. Despite some difficult weather conditions, both groups navigated their way through mist and fog to pass their expeditions. The groups had to be completely self-sufficient and carry enough resources for the full four days. Everyone showed huge perseverance, self-belief and teamwork – and all gained skills and memories that will last a lifetime. It is a remarkable achievement and fish and chips on the final night were well deserved! Overall, it was a highly enjoyable and formative experience, with several students saying they would do it all over again.



Lydia Willmot-Day (12Wilson)

What an amazing week we all had in Tenerife!

It is the second year in a row that we spent a week in Spain as part of our language exchange programme. The Spanish host families and teachers at Nuryana school were absolutely fantastic and made our adventure there unforgettable.

We had a week packed of wonderful activities. On the first few days our students experienced life in a Spanish school, learnt about the education system and the different subjects and topics Spanish students cover in secondary school. Later on, we explored "San Cristobal de La Laguna" (UNESCO World Heritage city), the cathedral, the Spanish market and enjoyed a "chocolate con churros". On Wednesday, we had a lot of fun in Siam Park, biggest water park in Europe, and it was a perfect day to develop strong friendships among the Spanish and English students.



Towards the end of the week, we visited "Santa Cruz", capital city, and did a Language competition around the city centre to learn more about the history of the Canary Islands and visit all the iconic places. In the afternoon, we were kindly invited to swim at "Paso Alto" sailing club for free, thanks to the generosity of the sailing club members. On Saturday, we went to the volcano Teide and tried not to get sunburnt up there! We finished the day eating a "parrillada" in a typical Spanish restaurant.

Students spent every afternoon and evening with their host families and also had the opportunity to visit more wonderful places and beaches and to practise their Spanish and build up their confidence. It was an amazing trip to build long time memories and remarkable experiences. Students' feedback was extremely positive, they came home full of stories to share with their family and friends. The Tenerife trip is still the topic of conversation in the school this week!

Our students behaved beautifully and also learnt to be out of their comfort zone sometimes, a very important life skill that will help them in the future. They say the exchange not only had a very positive impact on their Spanish, but has also helped them with stress and anxiety. There were so many happy moments when they could not stop laughing! This has offered them unexpected mental health and peer pressure benefits.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our families for your wonderful emails and kind words. It was a pleasure to spend the week with all of your children and we, the teachers, will also remember this experience for many years to come. We made a lovely [video of our adventures](#), we hope you all enjoy it!

**Alex Bravo, Dee Jackson
and Elizabeth López Gamero,
The Spanish Exchange Team**



Year 13 celebrate their time at Bishop Luffa School

To mark the end of the final year of Sixth Form, the Year 13 Summer Ball took place on a sunny evening in June at Chichester Yacht Club. They all had a great time celebrating.



Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11 students had a fantastic time at their Prom at the end of June, celebrating the end of their compulsory schooling and to mark the parting of their ways as they go on their various post 16 pathways. The Prom took place in a large marquee on the school field beautifully decorated by our amazing PFA. The students had a great time enjoying a selection of food and a disco, before the evening culminated with an amazing firework display. Huge thanks must go to the Bishop Luffa PFA who worked tirelessly and for many hours to make this such a wonderful event.



PSHE Topics

The following topics will be covered during PSHE lessons during the Autumn 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-corc@bishopluffa.org.uk)



The following subjects are being covered.

Year 7	<p>What is PSHE? Getting to know people What is a community Careers and your future Sleep and relaxation Financial education</p>	Year 8	<p>Health and well-being Mental health Positive body image Abuse Types of bullying Healthy eating Stress</p>	Year 9	<p>Drugs Different substances Cannabis products Drug classification War on drugs</p>
Year 10	<p>Social media Targeted advertising Marriage Rights and responsibilities Consumer rights Employment Payslips and tax</p>	Year 11	<p>Organ and blood donation Pregnancy Parenthood Cancer Love and abuse</p>		

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 August and September:

- We give thanks for the safe return of our Tanzania trip, and for the work of our school charity, Grassroots

- Our Ukrainian families, who will be trying to see loved ones over the summer
- Students awaiting exam results and their families
- Our new Year 7s
- Students who are moving away
- New students joining us, especially those coming to us directly from Ukraine
- Staff who are leaving
- Staff who are joining in September

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September – Friday 19th December 2024

INSET Day on Monday 2nd September

Year 7 & 12 in school on Tuesday 3rd September, all other year groups return on Wednesday 5th September

Half Term Break

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

Christmas Break

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025

Half Term Break

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025

Easter Break

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Half Term Break

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025

Summer Break

Commences Wednesday 23rd July 2025

INSET Days

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 21st October 2024 (*7St & 7Wi residential will start this day*)

Friday 29th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Thursday 3rd July 2025

Autumn Term 2024 – dates for the diary

Monday 2 nd September	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Year 7 and Year 12 students in school
Wednesday 4 th September	All students in school
Thursday 5 th September	School Photos
Monday 9 th September	PFA Meeting (6.30pm in H5)
Tuesday 10 th September	Year 9 Parents' & Carers' Induction Evening (6.30pm Bartlett Hall)
Thursday 12 th September	Year 12 Parents' & Carers' Induction Evening (6.30pm Bartlett Hall)
Monday 16 th September	PFA Uniform Shop open (2.00pm – 3.30pm)
Tuesday 17 th September	Year 7 Parents' & Carers' Induction/Cheese & Wine Evening (6.30pm)
Wednesday 18 th September	Year 10 Parents' & Carers' Induction Evening (6.30pm Bartlett Hall)
Thursday 19 th September	Year 13 Parents' & Carers' Induction Evening (6.30pm Bartlett Hall)
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th September	Go Green Week
Mon 30 th Sept – Fri 4 th October	Year 10 Exams Week
Mon 30 th Sept – Fri 4 th October	Year 13 Geography A'Level Residential to Wales
Monday 30 th September	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Presentation Evening
Thursday 3 rd October	Open Evening (for prospective parents & students joining Year 7 in September 2025)
Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th October	Open Mornings (for Year 6 parents & students – booking required)
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 11 Parents' & Carers' Revision Evening (6.30pm Bartlett Hall)
Thursday 17 th October	Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 21 st October	INSET Day (Year 7 IOW residential still taking place for 7St & 7Wi)
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	HALF TERM
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th November	Year 11 Mock Exams Week
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th November	International Week
Monday 11 th November	PFA Uniform Shop open (2.00pm – 3.30pm)
Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th November	Sixth Form Fashion Shows
Wednesday 20 th November	Careers Fair
Thursday 21 st November	Year 10 Parents' & Carers' Virtual Consultation Evening
Thursday 28 th November	Year 11 Parents' & Carers' Virtual Consultation Evening
Friday 29 th November	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th December	Carol Service at Chichester Cathedral (7.00pm)
Monday 9 th December	PFA Uniform Shop open (2.00pm – 3.30pm)
Thursday 12 th December	Year 11 (2023-2024) Record of Achievement Evening
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	Year 11 Taster Day in Sixth Form
Tues 17 th – Thurs 19 th December	Christmas Dinners
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Mon 23 rd Dec – Fri 3 rd Jan 2025	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2025	First day of Spring Term



This week's content Week commencing 22nd July

Blog: How to stay mentally healthy at university by Alicia Drummond



This week's content Week commencing 29th July

Blog: Exploring other avenues: Apprenticeships by Rachel Harrison at My Professional Hat



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Ages 7-17 yrs



Sunday 4th August and Saturday 24th
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At Walberton Village Hall



£3 a Workshop



Please bring a drink and snack.
Wear clothes and shoes you can dance in!

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