

We are delighted to bring you the Easter edition of our school newsletter – produced at the end of every term, updating you on everything that has been going on around school.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss anything further, please let us know at [office@bishopr.co.uk](mailto:office@bishopr.co.uk). Also, if there is anything you would like to see that is not already featured please let us know.

*“A Christian community that delights in seeking wisdom and knowledge, building relationships and character based upon the Word of God, enabling us all to flourish bravely and faithfully”*

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# WORSHIP

Worship is the foundation of our Christian school. We are always trying to seek ways to encourage students and staff in their faith and also invite those of no faith to experience the teachings of Jesus.

## The Importance of Charity

Over this half term we have reflected on many topics including the importance of charity. We've looked at specific charities such as the NSPCC and Fair Trade over Fair-Trade fortnight. We've specifically used worship to follow elements of the Church calendar such as Ash Wednesday and Lent. Students have led worship about Peace and Role Models.



Above: Year 10 leading worship about 'Role Models'



Above: Year 7 Student led worship about Peace

## Easter Communions

Fr. Mark Soady from the parish of Rufford has been leading student and staff communions in the lead up to Easter in the final week of term. We are very grateful to him for his commitment and time. Moreover, all of our chaplaincy team have been in to school to lead collective worship in the final week of term so we can focus on the Easter message



Above: Easter communion service in the chapel in the final week of term.

## Easter Celebration Service

On Tuesday 19 March we had a fantastic Easter celebration service with classes from Year 7 and Year 8 in the school hall. The school choir performed songs for around 200 students, also using sign language in one of their songs, and we had an individual piece from Emma Tattersall (Y8). During the service Mr Duckworth also creatively explained the importance of Easter. A huge thank you to Mrs Wood for leading all of the music and doing a wonderful job!



Above: The choir perform during our Easter celebration service. This was particularly moving song in which the students also used sign language as they sang.

As we move forward we into the summer term we welcome the promise of God's Easter message through Jesus that all things can be renewed. Let us encourage each other to put away the things of our past that hinder us and move forward in the light of Christ.

Have a happy and holy Easter

Mr P Ascroft

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

## Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 17 January we competed in the annual Chorley Schools Swimming Gala. We are incredibly fortunate that so many of our students commit to swimming for various clubs in the local area which allows us to compete fiercely every year and we had numerous students becoming Chorley Champions in their chosen disciplines. In the final results we just lost out on winning the overall title by three points but the PE department is incredibly proud of every single one of our students. A special thank you goes to all our Year 11 students superbly led by Megan Doherty and Josh Keogh – it was the last time they will represent Bishops in the swimming pool and we are incredibly grateful for everything they have given over the last five years. They were joined by Olivia Williams, Evan Taylor and Richard Baldwin. Our winning students are listed below:

### Year 7

Seren Haynes – 4 x 50m freestyle  
Elsa Thomson – 4 x 50m freestyle

### Year 8

Henry Hodkinson – 50m freestyle  
Alfie Liptrot – 50m butterfly  
Lucy Foster – 4 x 50m freestyle  
Matilda Carey – 4 x 50m freestyle

### Year 9

Seb Hailwood – 50m freestyle  
Maisie Geary – 50m freestyle, 4 x 50m freestyle

Neve Ascroft – 50m breaststroke  
Matthew Johnson – 50m breaststroke

Yasmin Elliott – 50m butterfly  
Olivia Jeffery – 4 x 50m freestyle  
Lucia Zolden – 4 x 50m freestyle

### Year 10

Olivia Ballard – 50m back stroke,  
4 x 50m freestyle

### Year 11

Josh Keogh – 50m freestyle  
Megan Doherty – 50m backstroke



## Girls U13 Indoor Cricket

January saw the return of the girls indoor Cricket season in earnest. The opportunities to play at a county level are abundant for the girls and the U13 trained every week at lunchtime in the hope of making it to the North Lancashire final. Just after half term both the U13 and U15 teams travelled to St Michael's for what we believed to be a friendly only to discover there was only one place up for grabs in the U13 competition. The girls played incredibly well but unfortunately were pipped to the post enabling St Michael's to progress to the next round.

## Girls U13 Indoor Cricket

The U15 match was a different story with our experienced team beating St Michael's.

The U15 team travelled to Bolton Arena at the start of March to participate in the North Lancashire final. They were put in a pool with Carnforth, Broughton High School and AKS. The team

had comfortable victories against Carnforth and AKS with a highly competitive game against Broughton sandwiched in the middle. The girls were nothing short of outstanding in their performance but lost a very close game 70-69, effectively missing out on progressing to the county final by just 2 runs.

It is very difficult to pick out stand out performances but the youngest member of the squad, Year 7 student Ellie Hodgson, was simply brilliant in her first outing for a team where the majority of students were three years older than her. In her very first bowl against Carnforth she took the wicket of the opposition captain and in the game against Broughton she picked up and threw an outstanding ball to the stumps to get another player out. An absolute star in the making. Evie Coupe bowled with incredible consistency and took a number of wickets throughout the day, captain Daisy White was impeccable with both her bowling and batting, Emily Hadfield led the batting comeback against Broughton and Millie Golding showed everybody what a talented all rounder she really is. Well done girls!!



# LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

On Saturday 3 February the Lancashire Schools Cross Country was held at Witton Park in Blackburn. A number of our students represented the Chorley team after performing well at the Chorley Schools competition earlier in the year. For once, the sun actually shone on the course and the Bishops runners performed brilliantly. The outstanding performers on the day (all finishing in the top 10) were Elsa Thompson (Year 7) Maisie Geary (Year 9) and Myles Fraser (Year 11) who won the bronze medal in the inter boys race. All three of them, alongside Isabel Goodman in Year 9, contributed to their respective Chorley teams (Year 7 girls, Junior girls and Inter boys) winning the team events which is a fantastic achievement. Myles Fraser also gained a place at the English Schools Cross Country championship to be held later in the year and Maisie Geary made it onto the reserves list - a massive congratulations to you both!



The students that represented Chorley are listed below with their finishing positions in brackets.

Year 7 boys - Nat Pendlebury (62nd), Huw Christie (19th), Harry Bee (64th)

Year 7 girls - Elsa Thompson (6th)

Junior boys - James Kenny (20th) Alfie Liptrot (51st)

Junior girls - Maisie Geary (9th), Isabel Goodman (14th), Liv Smallshaw (29th)

Inter girls - Isobel Dyson (35th)

Inter boys - Myles Fraser (3rd), Adam Link (36th)



## Sports Hall Athletics

The final night before half term saw the best Year 7 and 8 athletes from Chorley schools descend on Clayton Green Leisure Centre to compete in the annual Sportshall Athletics competition. The teams, made up of up to six boys and six girls from Year 7 and Year 8, participate in a number of events to see who gains the ultimate accolade of being crowned Chorley champions. The track events are the obstacle race, 2 lap race, 4 lap race, 6 lap race, 8 lap Paarlauf, 4 x 2 lap relay and the field events are Shot Put, Standing Long Jump, Standing Triple Jump, Standing Vertical Jump and Speed Bounce.

Our students competed with incredible determination and there were some brilliant individual performances but it was the teams that shone with the Year 7 girls clinching the silver medal and the Year 7 boys coming third. Overall our position in Chorley was third.



Well done to all the students who took part!:

Year 7 girls - Seren Haynes, Elsa Thomson, Molly Jones, Ava Le Noury, Lucy Ross, Harriet Ball

Year 7 boys - Freddie Dunlop, Huw Christie, Andile Maphiwa-Ndlovu, Jack Sharrock-Barlow, Harry Bee, Jack Robinson

Year 8 girls - Eva Goodyear, Josie Oliver, Eleanor Mapple, Emma Tattersall, Martha Kidd, Matilda Thompson

Year 8 boys - Oliver Golding, Dylan Blake, Alfie Liptrot, Harry Cutler, Oliver Owens-Crook

## Year 8 Handball

On Tuesday 27 February our Year 8 boys handball team travelled to Albany to compete in the Chorley Schools Handball competition. The team, led by Dylan Blake, won all three games defeating St Michael's, Holy Cross and Albany to become Chorley Schools Champions. The team performed exceptionally well and should be proud of their achievements!



## KS3 Panathlon

Six female students from Year 7 and Year 8 were selected to attend the Chorley School Sport Partnership Panathlon event at All Seasons Leisure. The event was hosted in conjunction with Blackburn Football Club in the Community aimed at giving all students in school an opportunity to access sport, representing their school and participating in sport. The girls who attended took part in a variety of multi-skill games and activities including basketball shooting, skittle challenge and indoor curling; they all worked well as a team with a competitive spirit and narrowly missed out on placing within the top three out of nine teams who had entered!

## Year 7 and 9 Girls Chorley Schools Cup Final

On a very wet Wednesday evening our Year 7 and Year 9 girls football teams played in the Chorley School Cup Final at Westway. Both year groups played St Michael's in the final. The Year 7 team worked really hard and kept going to the final whistle but unfortunately lost to a very strong St Michael's team. In the Year 9 final our girls were victorious winning 3 – 1. Both year groups did fantastically well to reach the final and it was great to see the Year 9 team lifting the trophy!



## Lancashire School Football Cup Competition

Unfortunately, all of our teams have now been knocked out of the girls' competitions. Our U12's travelled to Clitheroe Grammar School but despite playing well and battling to the final whistle were defeated. Our U16 girls reached the quarter finals but lost 2–0 to Balshaw's. Many thanks to Flo Jackson, Sophie Parker, Jenna White, Talia Bradley-Baker, Georgia Whittle, Lucy Fulton, Katie Poole, Ruby Mander and Annabel Smith who have represented the school football team over the last 5 years. The time you have given up to represent the school football team has been greatly appreciated!

## Basketball Update

It's been another successful year for our basketballers in district and national competition.

Both our U14 and U12 teams participated in the Lancashire Schools basketball competition. The U14's negotiated a challenging group finishing second and achieving the knock out stages. They continued to the quarter finals where they lost narrowly to Archbishop Temple. They only lost 2 games in the tournament against the eventual two finalists.

The U12's enjoyed the start to their basketball journey in school. They played a number of games in the group stages and gained valuable experience for next year.

In the Chorley schools basketball competition, Year 9 won their tournament, whilst Year 8 finished runners up. Year 7 will have their tournament just before Easter.



## Game Changers

As part of an initiative developed by the Youth Sports Trust three of our Year 9 girls were nominated by Mrs Hornby to become Barclays Game Changers. Barclays Game Changers are a team of young female ambassadors aged 12-15 (Y8-10) across England, who believe that all girls should have the same opportunities to play football at school as boys do.



Yasmin, Chloe and Emily have undertaken virtual training in school and will use their passion for football to help inspire, engage, and empower other girls, as well as parents, teachers, and key decision makers, to want to make a positive change for girls' football at Bishop Rawstorne. They have already taken an opportunity to lead young people in the local area by attending a disney themed football tournament run by the Chorley School Sports Partnership at Westway for Reception and Year 1 girls.

They took their responsibility very seriously, even joining in with the Disney singalong at snack time! Good luck girls - we cannot wait to see what ideas you come up with.

## Year 10 5-a-side Winners!

The Year 10 footballers returned from the half-term break with a bang, winning the recent B-Team 5-a-Side competition! This tournament was designed to showcase the talents of players on the cusp of the starting lineup and encourage consistent training. The Year 10s didn't disappoint! They put on a phenomenal performance, proving themselves a real force to be reckoned with. Their impressive display will undoubtedly put pressure on the current first team players for starting positions next season.



## Year 7 Multi-skills sessions

On Monday nights after-school a group of Year 7 students have been having sessions with Chorley School Sport Partnership. Thank you to all those students who have attended!

## U16 Boys Badminton

Huge congratulations to our U16 boys badminton team that travelled to Manchester in January to compete in the county round of the National Schools championships having won the Chorley competition. It was a great experience for the boys - they won some & lost some! Well done boys!



## EXAM UPDATE

Year 11 exams will be taking place from 9 May to 9 June and Year 10 will be sitting their English Literature exams on 13 May & 20 May.

All Year 11 students must be available until Wednesday 26 June for exam contingency dates in case they be needed. Students will officially finish on Friday 28 June. Revision activities are taking place already and will be available for Year 11s ahead of each exam. We offer a broad range of support for any students who are struggling, both in terms of revision and their wellbeing. Exam results are due on Thursday 22 August. We wish all our students the very best of luck!



# COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND FUNDRAISING

Bishop Rawstone continues to support our local community and fundraise for charities which are close to our heart. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising activities this term!

## School Garden Update

The Charity Minions are currently raising money to renovate the garden at the back of school to make it a peaceful relaxation, worship and learning space for students and staff to enjoy. We were lucky to secure a £1,000 award from the Peter Latham Charity which paid for a fence – thanks to Alisdair Wade from A Wade Landscapes – who donated his time to erect this for us. Brian and Mark, the school site supervisors, have worked hard to clear the old poly tunnel and plant more fruit trees.

Next, Community Payback will be in at Easter to dig out the site ready for a membrane and stones to go down. The D&T group are also busy after school on a Tuesday making planters for the garden! If anyone can provide guidance, or volunteer some skills please contact Mrs Duckworth at school.

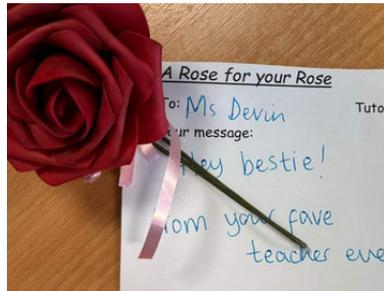


## Book Collection

We are organising a collection of books for Freya in Year 8 who will be taking them to a local Booths store where they will be sold and donations used to support a child at Trinity and St Michael's School who is currently undergoing treatment for a brain tumour. If you would like to get involved good quality books – both adult and childrens – can be brought in and left in the collection box in the Hub.

## A Rose for My Rose

In February the Charity Minions organised a Valentine's event to have a rose and a special message delivered to someone special for £1, with roses being delivered to recipients on the last day of the half-term. The event was a huge success and raised £108 for the school garden restorations! A big thanks to Mrs Parker for donating the roses.



## Easter Egg Hunt

We have had great fun in the last week of this term doing an Easter egg hunt, organised by the Charity Minions. Pictures of Easter eggs were hidden around the school and students paid for an entry form to find them! We managed to raise £42 for the garden restoration fund.

## Little Princess Trust

Well done to Sadie in Year 8 who has had 7 inches of hair cut off to make a wig for a child suffering with hair loss. We are now helping her to raise over £500 – the cost of making this into a wig!



## Easter Egg Raffle

An Easter Egg raffle was organised for the last week of the spring term, with Easter eggs and chocolate kindly donated by staff members – making over 30 raffle prizes! Tickets were available to purchase all week with prizes drawn on the last day of term and delivered in Friday afternoon registration. The raffle was very well supported by students and the total raised was £184, which will be used to help with our school garden restoration. Thanks to all staff who donated Easter eggs and chocolate and for everyone who took part and contributed!



## March Non Uniform Day

Non-uniform day this term was on Friday 22 March and raised £1875! A large part of this will be donated to the North West Air Ambulance which is the charity that funds this vital medical support throughout our area. This charity was nominated after one of the charity group friends was supported by this service. Thank you to everyone for your support!

# VISITS AND TRIPS

## Year 7 Cathedral and Mosque Trip

On 22 and 23 January, Year 7 took part in our annual Faith trail, visiting Blackburn Cathedral and Noorul Mosque. Learning about two major world religions, through experiential education rather than being purely in class is vital for enhanced understanding. It was a brilliant experience for our Year 7 students who were impeccable, as they explored diversity in modern day Britain. Thanks to all the staff that were involved.



## Year 8 Animal Farm Theatre Trip

On 22 February, Mrs Smith-Hughes and a number of teaching and non-teaching staff accompanied the Year 8 to watch the politically-charged production of George Orwell's 'Animal Farm' at The Bolton Octagon. The production was thought-provoking and the students thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the theatre. Thank you to all the staff involved in the trip for supporting the Drama department; without staff involvement, none of the theatre trips would be possible.



## Year 8 Halle Orchestra

On Thursday 7 March, Year 8 students went on an enrichment visit to the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester to see the Halle For Youth, Cities of The World Concert. The visit gave students the opportunity to hear symphony orchestra music and a live concert performance in one of the country's finest concert halls. This follows on from the topic last year, of instruments of the orchestra.



## Year 10 English Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition

On Wednesday 13 March, Amelie and Isla competed in the English Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition. Both students performed Shakespeare monologues in front of professional actors and directors from the English Speaking Union and RSC. Amelie performed Hermione from 'A Winter's Tale' and Isla performed Lady Anne from Richard III. We proceeded to the semi-final but were knocked out by Birkdale High School and Holy Cross who went through to the final in London. The girls were great ambassadors for the school and both performed well under the immense pressure of the competition. Well done!



## Top of the Bench National Finals

In January, we took a team of four students to UCLan in Preston, to compete in the regional heats of the Royal Society of Chemistry's Top of the Bench Competition. The event consisted of a chemistry lab challenge in the morning followed by fun forensic activities in the afternoon. The team enjoyed the day and better still, walked away as the 1st placed team!

They then went on to represent the Lancashire local section in the national stage of the competition in March, taking place at Edinburgh Napier University. During the day, students were tested on their Chemistry knowledge with a written 40-minute test followed by the completion of a team assessed practical task, before enjoying a lecture on water treatment in the afternoon. The team of 4 did a great job and competed well against 30 other schools from across the country.

Thank you to Bob, Evie, Holly and Tom for representing the school so superbly and congratulations on winning the regional heat of the competition - a fantastic achievement!



## FUTURE TRIPS

- GCSE Food Technology & Nutrition students trip to Lancashire Farm Educational Centre - April 2024
- Year 10 Sorrento Geography Trip (residential) - April 2024
- Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Practise Expeditions - April 2024
- Year 9 Yorkshire Sculpture Park- May 2024
- Year 10 National Arboretum - May 2024
- Year 10 Salford Quays Geography Trip - June 2024
- Year 7 - Blackpool Zoo - June 2024
- Year 7 Liverpool Art Museum & Gallery - June 2024
- Year 9 and Year 10 Cleveleys Beach Geography Trip - June 2024
- Cheerleading Competition - June 2024
- Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expeditions - June/July 2024
- Cadbury World Food Technology trip - July 2024
- Germany/Belgium (residential) - July 2024
- Year 7 French Trip (residential) - July 2024

Further details about these trips will be provided nearer to the time.

## B for Bishops Awards This Term

Congratulations to all these students who received a 'B' for Bishops Badge this term:

### AMBASSADOR BADGE

Year 7  
Isabelle Myers  
Year 8  
Eleanor Mapple  
Emma Tattersall  
Freya McEvoy  
Gemma Fazakerley  
Isabelle Mort  
Kaitlyn Kavanagh  
Martha Kidd  
Matilda Carey  
Matilda Thompson  
Meadow McNeilly  
Sadie Gallagher  
Year 9  
Evie Coupe  
Isla Sharrock  
Bob Dixon  
Year 10  
Theo Taylor  
Samuel Christie  
Thomas Wright  
Alex Doyle  
Mario Forie  
Dylan Wilson  
Olli Hope  
Oliver Stott  
Noah Robertson  
Addison Turner  
Will Kamel  
Zaki Naji  
Phoebe Pye  
Lois Holt  
Year 11  
Beth Rowland  
Lizzy Lyon  
Matthew Link  
Isabelle Morley  
Toby Kent  
Lola Poree  
Lucie Connolly

### SPORTS BADGE

Year 7  
Molly Jones  
Andile Maphiwa-Ndlovu  
Huw Christie  
Hannah Johnson  
Year 9  
Lucia Zoldan  
Zach Whittle  
Year 11  
Flo Jackson

### ARTS BADGE

Year 7  
Joseph English  
Ollie Taylor  
Year 10  
Anna Berry  
Georgia Wood

### CHARACTER BADGE

Year 11  
Alexander Collinson

### CHARITY BADGE

Year 7  
Lucy Graham  
Isabelle Myers  
Matilda Midgely  
Leon Hardiman  
Sonny Walker  
Charlie Cheyne  
Jacob Marsden  
Michael Horne  
Nathanial Pendlebury  
Lucas Shuttleworth

### COMMUNITY BADGE

Year 7  
Luke Gabbett  
Lily Bamford  
Robbie Greenwood  
Rhys Howell  
Daisy Halliwell  
Year 8  
Camilla Morton  
Meadow McNeilly  
Matilda Thompson  
Will Cunliffe  
Jake Hanlon  
Year 9  
Eve Robinson  
Year 10  
Emily Websdell  
Paige Miller  
Alessia Piredda  
Kitty Cleveland  
Year 11  
Flo Jackson  
Finley Cleveland

### ENTERPRISE BADGE

Year 7  
Freddie Waring

# SPRING ROUND UP

## New Geog On Podcast launched

In January our Year 10 Geography podcast students launched a brand-new podcast called Geog On! The first episode got off to a remarkable start by securing an exclusive interview with Sacha Dench, the renowned United Nations Ambassador for Migratory Species and CEO of Conservation Without Borders. Well done to our incredible Year 10 students for their exceptional organisation, interviews, and editing skills! If you know someone making a difference or know anyone who would like to chat about geographical or environmental issues reach out to the school. The podcast is available to listen on Spotify: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/bishopr/episodes/A-soaring-conversation-with-Sacha-Dench-e2elg2a>



## Year 7 Yoga

On 29 January Miss Ashcroft organised sessions for her Year 7 students to learn more about mental health and to participate in some practical yoga. The yoga was delivered by a qualified visiting instructor and proved very popular enjoyable!



## NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 2 February Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in NSPCC Number Day where students participated in various math-related activities whilst raising funds to support the NSPCC. We also ran a competition - for a £1 donation students took part in the Lowest Unique Number Challenge, giving them a chance to win a Maths themed goodie bag. We raised £116.82 for the NSPCC. The winner was Euan from 8C with the number 10. Thank you to everyone for taking part!



## Pancake Race Event

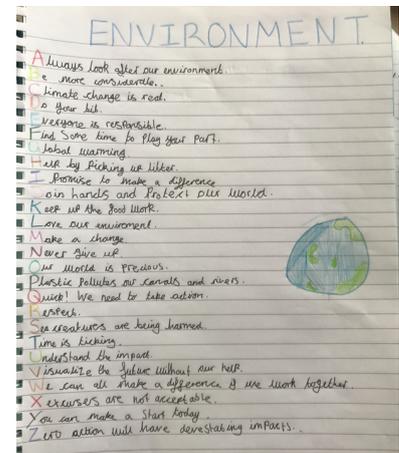
On Friday 9 February we organised a fun pancake race event to celebrate Shrove Tuesday! The event was an inter-house competition comprising of mixed teams from each tutor group. The race involved a sprint down the length of the sports hall, with a pancake toss and catch, a sprint back and a toss into the waiting runners frying pan! There was plenty of fun and excellent team spirit. The winners from each year group were as follows:-  
Year 7 - 7A 51:97 seconds  
Year 8 - 8C 46:84 seconds  
Year 9 - 9X 44:94 seconds  
Year 10 - 10B 42:84 seconds  
Year 11 - 11A 46:02 seconds



## Year 7 Live-Stream Poetry Session



On Friday 8 March, Year 7 took part in a live-streamed poetry session with award winning poet, playwright and children's author Joseph Coelho. Over 33,000 students around the country, took part in the event. Our Year 7 students certainly enjoyed the stream, as Joseph's enthusiasm for poetry was infectious! He shared a selection of his own work and encouraged the students to have a go too. Here's an example of one of the student's work by Ruby Eaton in Year 7:



## Parents Forum

On Tuesday 12 March we ran our second parent forum of the school year - Enrichment with Miss Huyton. Our next forum will take place on 4 June on 'The RE Curriculum and Our Worship Provision' with Mr Ascroft. Further details on what was discussed at our forums and how to get involved can be found on our website: [www.bishopr.co.uk/parents/parent-forums](http://www.bishopr.co.uk/parents/parent-forums)

## World Book Day with Bali Rai

Award winning children's and young adult author, Bali Rai joined us in March to celebrate World Book Day. He talked passionately to Year 7, 8 and 9 students about what inspires him and how he became a successful writer. Students also took the opportunity to ask him questions and to buy a selection of his books. A small group of Year 9 students took part in a creative writing session with Bali too.

Year 7 spent the whole day immersed in fun and interactive book-based activities: they redesigned a book cover for their favourite book, tested their book knowledge with a challenging book quiz and read a book written in German. They now have an exciting opportunity to enter competition to design a new book cover as homework to hand in to their English teachers.

World Book Day is a great excuse to celebrate the importance of reading. Reading is a gateway to the world of knowledge and imagination. With this in mind, there are many more book-focused celebrations planned for this year, so watch this space!



## KS3 Drama Club

Every Monday lunchtime, the KS3 Drama club meet in E2 where they play drama games, make new friends and build skills in drama. Drama club will continue until the end of the year in E2 and all students are well to join.

## Tree Planting

Our amazing students recently joined forces with the team at Lancashire County Council to plant trees at school - part of a huge project aiming to plant 30,000 urban trees and create 170 hectares of new woodland across the county by March 2025. The trees were funded by the Urban Tree Challenge. We are so proud of our students for getting involved and helping to make a positive impact on our environment.



## PSHE and Citizenship

Our PSHE and Citizenship programme continues on a weekly basis and we have a number of external speakers who support us in deliver this important part of the curriculum. Further details can be found in our half-termly PSHE & Wellbeing Newsletters available on our website: <https://bishopr.co.uk/parents/newsletters>

## Year 10 Theatre Performances

On Monday 11 March Initiate Theatre Company performed 'Romeo and Juliet' for students in preparation for their GCSE exams in the Summer. The Manacto Theatre company then performed 'Macbeth' to them on Thursday 14 March. On both occasions the students were fabulous and asked a number of insightful questions and thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in the discussions and workshops after the production. Well done Year 10!

## Year 7 and Year 8 Interhouse Easter Quiz

On Wednesday 20 March we organised an after-school Easter quiz for Year 7 which was hosted by students from the 'Student Voice' group. Tutor groups selected a team to take part in the fun event with trophies and the honour of being quiz champions up for grabs! This event is part of the continued drive to raise awareness of the value that enrichment brings to our young people whilst developing a healthy sense of community and competition across the school and within year groups.



*Thank you!*

We would like to thank all students who have attended activities and represented the school this term, all parents for the after-school collections, and to our wonderful staff for their continued commitment to the extra-curricular provision offered to our students at Bishop Rawstorne.

The timetable of activities can be found on the website and is updated half termly.



# YEAR 8 OPTIONS

In the Summer term Year 8 students will choose their options and we have a number of events planned to provide a greater understanding of what is on offer:

**August 2023 - April 2024** - Careers conversations with students.

**April - May 2024** - Students learn about the options choices available.

**April 2024** - Options booklet is sent out with confirmation of child's pathway.

**April 2024** - Year 8 tracking reports sent out.

**2 May 2024** - Parents Information Evening in school.

**9 May 2024** - Year 8 online Parents' Evening.

**May 2024** - Online options form will be emailed out.

**May 2024** - Deadline for submitting options forms.

**May - June 2024** - Options forms will be processed.

**June 2024** - Written confirmation of options provided.

Further details will be sent nearer to the time:



# ALUMNI UPDATE

## Lucy Thomas

Ex-GCSE Drama student, Lucy Thomas, stars in her debut role in the titular role of the new musical 'Rosie' in the West End. When Lucy was at Bishops, she starred as Annie in our production of 'Annie' and she went on to achieve superb results in both GCSE Drama and Music. Since leaving Bishops, Lucy has been performing around the world for presidents and celebrities with her beautiful and melodic singing and acting performances. We wish her well in the role and look forward to seeing what Lucy does next!



## Mark Jeffers

Mark Jeffers, who left us about 8 years ago, delivered a great performance in Liverpool to retain the English super-middleweight title on 20 January 2024. He beat Germaine Brown on a unanimous decision - huge congratulations to Mark!



## Alice Hayes

Another Ex-GCSE Drama and Music student who has begun her career treading the boards is the immensely talented, Alice Hayes, who is about to star in an award-winning touring Shakespeare production with legendary actor, Sir Ian McKellen. The show combines two great Shakespeare history plays, which together depict a turbulent time in a divided England. Prince Hal must learn how to be king-but does that mean leaving his friends, like the hard-partying Falstaff, behind? The critically-acclaimed production will have previews at the New Wimbledon Theatre on 1-9 March and Manchester Opera House on 14-23 March, before playing a 12-week run at the Noel Coward Theatre in the West End from 1 April-22 June 2024. We wish Alice all the best in her acting career!



# PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

After Easter we will be collecting more clean good quality uniform for our shop. Please keep hold of any uniform and send in after Easter. The pop up shop will be open towards the end of next term.

Further details will be sent home closer to the time.

# NOTICEBOARD

**CompassBLOOM**

**PARENT WEBINAR**

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR YOUNG PERSONS MENTAL HEALTH?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR YOUNG PERSON'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING?

COMPASS BLOOM ARE RUNNING A FREE WEBINAR FOR YOU TO ACCESS EXPERT ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT YOUR YOUNG PERSON.

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