

We are delighted to bring you the Summer 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. 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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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am writing at the end of another year, wondering where it has gone. Our Year 11 students said the same as they were finishing their exams a few weeks ago. It is now customary to thank the outgoing year group for reminding us, their teachers, how privileged we are to have the job we do, especially here at Bishop Rawstorne. Understandably, they are slightly trepidatious, but I am hoping their overwhelming feeling is of excitement for what lies ahead. So, good luck to Year 11 and we send our best wishes for your next steps and beyond.

It is now our current Year 10 students' turn to take over as the senior students, and they have started their roles as Prefects and Senior Prefects. The field for Senior Prefects this year was as strong as I can remember, and we have increased the Senior Prefect team to enable our students to have even more responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school. They are doing an excellent job and we had plenty of positive feedback from new parents/carers at the intake evening telling us how impressed they were with them.

As ever, we are always looking at what we need to do to improve the school for the students. We have two projects in the pipeline for the new academic year. Firstly, we are in the initial planning phase to have a satellite servery for breaks and lunches in the main block. This is a response to our students asking for a solution to the queues at break and lunch and we are hoping that this will help to reduce that.

Depending on the company we choose this will either be completed over summer or by October half term. As with all 'small' projects, they tend to grow and what started as something below £10,000 has risen to £40,000, which will get us what we want. Our second project is to build a ninth lab in our Science block. We are desperately in need of more lab space for our students, and this will require extending out of the back of our Science block. This is going to be a major investment and has been costed at circa £375,000. However, I am slightly nervous of saying what the final figure will be as tenders have been rising exponentially over the last couple of years making it hard to set a realistic budget.

We have seen staff come and go this year. We would like to thank Mrs Parkinson (TA), Mr Watkins (DT & Art Technician), Ms Rimmer (Librarian), Miss Hindle (Maternity Cover for Miss Robinson) and Mrs Eriksson (Maths Teacher) for their service to the school.

We have also welcomed the following staff over the course of the year: Mrs Boucher (TA), Mr Wright (TA), Mrs Ruttle (TA), Mr Williamson (DT & Art Technician), Mrs Wade (Student Welfare) and Mrs Whaite (Librarian).

There are also changes in governance. When we come back after summer we will be led by a new Chair of Governors, Mr Stephen Gregson, and he will be assisted by our new Vice Chair Mrs Julie Hughes.

That leads me on to our current Chair of Governors, Mr Andrew Marston who is due to step down from the role after 36 years as a governor and 13 years as Chair. Andrew has been a great supporter of the school throughout his tenure, reminding us of the traditions that make us the school we are, but also helping us to develop when we have needed to. There have been challenges along the way, but he has helped us to navigate through them and is wise enough to know that schools need to play to their strengths and not react too quickly to external influences. On a personal level, I would like to thank him for the support he has offered me over the years. At times, the job has been and will continue to be challenging. Andrew has been invaluable in providing advice and guidance both personally and professionally. Thank you, Andrew, for everything you have done for the school, you have been a great servant leader in the best traditions of the school.

So, for Andrew, our outgoing Year 11 and anyone else who has doubts and concerns about what comes next, the bible has these words of comfort:

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah 29:11

Wishing you all a happy summer.

Mr Cowley



WORSHIP

As we draw to the end of another year at Bishop Rawstorne we have journeyed through some of the traditions and celebrations of the Church calendar. We have learnt from the values embodied in the teachings of Jesus. But as is so important in the Christian walk, we have tried, as best we can, to 'live' our faith. To be a Christian presence in our school, homes and communities.

At our school we can sing, pray and worship in the traditional sense...which we do but for our students and staff, worship is an action. Year-on-year we see this in our school from our students in their lives as 'Courageous Advocates' – young people who stand up for peace, hope, love and justice.

Serving Our Community

Our students have served our local community with compassion for others:



The school choir at Croston Care Home to sing to the residents.

Giving to those in most need:



Donations to the local charity 'Helping Hands' who put together food hampers for local families.

And leading others:



Tutor group 9M leading worship.

Jesus teaches in the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats:

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Regardless of whether our students have a faith or not, their deeds often reflect the values of Jesus. So as we go in to the summer holidays we can be proud that all students take part and lead worship through their love and compassion for others.

Have a happy and restful Summer,
Mr P Ascroft

EXAMS UPDATE

Year 11 GCSE results will be available for collection from school on Thursday 22 August, between 9:00am and 11:00am. Results will also be emailed to students at their school email addresses. Any results not collected in person will be posted home.

Year 10 GCSE English Literature results will be emailed to students at their school email addresses. Students can discuss the results with their teacher when we return back to school.

Please contact school with any queries and ask for Mrs S Gaskell, Examination Officer.



SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Year 7 Interform Football Competition

During the course of this term the FA have run an initiative to increase participation in girls football. Three of our Year 9 students – Yasmin Elliott, Emily Savage and Chloe Nickson took the opportunity to become our 'Game Changers' and, as part of the initiative, organised a World Cup interform competition for Year 7 girls. Each tutor group appointed a captain and were given an international team to represent. A huge congratulations to 7X A.K.A England, who won the competition (and the best dressed team after creating their own tops!!). A huge thanks to the girls for helping to organise it and to the students in Year 10 who refereed – Anna Berry, Charlotte Hitchen and Emily Hadfield.



Our other team, which was made up of students from Year 7, won all 4 games and did not concede a goal all night meaning they won the competition. Well done to all the girls who competed and it has been really pleasing to see so many girls training and representing the school throughout the season.



We also entered the Year 9/10 competition and were victorious again. Every single member of the squad contributed to this win and should be very proud of their achievement. The girls battled really hard throughout the tournament winning all their games 1-0. Congratulations girls!



Double winnings at the Euxton Girls Football Tournament

We recently entered 3 teams into the Euxton tournament and came away with 2 trophies! Our Year 7/8 team played some fantastic football and finished second in our group meaning we played St Michael's in the semi-final. It was a very close game but we conceded right at the very end of the game and lost 1-0. Throughout the tournament Lucy Slater made some fantastic saves and was very unlucky to concede in the semi-final.

Year 7 Boys Football Team Proud Runners Up

The Year 7 boys team progressed to the final of the Euxton Boys Summer Football competition after defeating both Southlands and St Michael's in the group stage. In the final we met Holy Cross who we had already played twice this season with each school winning a game a piece. In a very close final Holy Cross won 5 -4. Well done to all the boys who have represented the school football team this year.

Year 9 Boys Football Team End the Season Victorious

On 25 June our Year 9 football team won the Chorley District Cup Final. At full time the game went to a penalty shootout which the Bishop's team won comprehensively. It's been another great season for this team reaching two cup finals and another deep run into the Lancashire cup, being knocked out on penalties to the eventual winners. Mr Ascroft is incredibly proud of all of these players and the way they conduct themselves!



Year 10 Boys Football Team Triumphs Again

Following their impressive victory in the Chorley Boys Cup earlier this year, the Year 10 football team took part in the Chorley Summer Tournament. The final, held at West Way against Parklands, was a tightly contested affair but yet again, the Year 10 team displayed remarkable composure and secured a dramatic victory and the team's second trophy of the year! The dedication and hard work put in by these young men have been truly commendable and we look forward to seeing them continue their success next year!



Year 7 and 8 Orienteering

Our Year 7 and 8 teams took part in the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership Orienteering event at Astley Park. The evening was broken down into two parts. The first part involved fun team building activities where students were tasked with various problems that they had to solve. It was great to see the students working together to find the answers. The second part involved completing an orienteering course around the picturesque Astley Park. All students who took part had a great time, with our team finishing in second place!



Girls Active Festival

On Friday 17 May nine Year 8 girls travelled to West View Leisure Centre to represent the district of Chorley in the Girls Active Festival. This event was a brilliant opportunity to celebrate all that is good about school sport and sport for young people in Central Lancashire. The girls, alongside over 100 other young people, were welcomed by world champion inline skater Jenna Downing who inspired the students with her sporting story.

Following this, the girls took part in six different sports on a rotation basis giving them the opportunity to try new things and work outside their comfort zone. The girls tried spinning, took part in team building with Jenna, had a go at spinning, breaking, climbing and bouldering before finishing the day making their own fruit kebabs. The girls were a credit to themselves and the school and had a thoroughly enjoyable day - well done ladies!



National Cheer Competition

On 16 June our Year 7 and Year 8 Cheerleading Team, BR Panthers, competed at the 2024 UKCA National Schools' Cheer & Dance Championships. They performed in both the cheerleading and pom dance categories coming home 3rd nationally out of 10 teams in Cheer, and 3rd nationally out of 14 teams in Pom Dance - an outstanding achievement! Mrs Holden, Teacher of Science by day, gives up her time to train the girls and also organised the whole competition and was Head Judge - thank you!



Rounders

Students have been participating in the girls Chorley Schools Rounders tournaments, playing the Bolton version of the game played within the local district and surrounding areas. They finished as follows:

Year 10 - second place
Year 8 - second place
Year 7 - third place

The matches were all close, with Bisop Rawstorne losing by only a few points. Congratulations to all the students who participated and represented school!



BIKEABILITY

On 15 May, 16 students completed their level 3 Bikeability qualification under the guidance of Chorley School Sport Partnership instructors. After the recent glorious weather it was typical that the rain came and made the conditions more challenging! All students successfully completed the course learning and developing their cycling skills to ride safely on the roads. Well done to all students who took part!



Lancashire Schools

Athletics

On Saturday 8 June the Lancashire Schools Track and Field Championship was held at UCLan in Preston. This is one of the pinnacles of the athletics calendar where our students are chosen to represent Chorley in a bid to become Lancashire champion in their chosen discipline. Eleven of our students competed this year which is an excellent number. We finished the day with two Lancashire champions – Isabel Goodman in Year 9 won the junior girls 800m and Myles Fraser in Year 11 won the inter boys 3000m and both qualified to represent Lancashire at the English Schools Track and Field Championship. All other students performed admirably and their events and results are listed below:

Sam Christie – inter boys 400m hurdles – 3rd

Matthew Link – inter boys triple jump – 4th

Adam Link – inter boys triple jump – 2nd

Isobel Dyson – inter girls 300m – 2nd

Amy Lindley – inter girls 100m – 8th

Caitlyn Moon – inter girls 100m – 7th

Emily Hadfield – inter girls shot put – 6th

Maisie Geary – junior girls 1500m – 2nd

Eva Parker – junior girls shot put – 4th



Fantastic District Sports Performances

On Wednesday 19 June 88 students made the journey to Bolton Arena to compete against the five other Chorley Schools in the annual district sports competition. Included in our team this year were four students that became double district champions – an accolade achieved by very few.

First up we had Maisie Geary winning both the Year 9 300m and 1500m and also breaking not one but both district records along the way. Isabel Goodman won both the Year 9 800m and 200m for the third year in a row and Year 8 student Eva Parker defended her shot put title and added the title of discus champion. Jack Sharrack-Barlow in Year 7 won both the 100m and 200m races – an outstanding achievement. Year 8 student Louie Thompson also defended his title of Long Jump champion. Joining them as district champions were Sienna Crosby (Year 9 100m), Eliza Waterworth (Year 8 Javelin) and Chloe Nickson (Year 9 Discus).

There were countless other superb performances that resulted in 2nd and 3rd places:

Girls – Year 7 – 2nd, Year 8 – 2nd, Year 9 – 2nd, Year 10 – 3rd

Boys – Year 7 – Joint 2nd, Year 8 – 3rd, Year 9 – 3rd, Year 10 – 4th

This meant that as a school we were 3rd behind St Michael's and Holy Cross. Every year we inch closer to second place – maybe next year! Well done everybody – we are very proud of you all!



Sports Day



The annual Sports Day for Years 7–10 was held in school on Thursday 13 June. Students participated in seven different activities to gain points to go towards their tutor group totals. This year every student had the choice of four different individual field activities – long jump, shot put, discus and javelin and three different team activities – benchball, handball and basketball.

Despite the forecast and the drizzle threatening to cancel the afternoon's proceedings the track events still went ahead during tutor time and Period 5. Students were able to compete in the 200m, 100m, the girls 4x100m relay and boys 4x100m relay.

It was fantastic to see the students participating with smiles on their faces. The winners were the following tutor groups – 7X, 8A, 9C and 10B. Mr Bushell has had some very successful sports day tutor groups in the past and he has started in the best possible way again this year with 7X. Miss Mann and 8A defended their title from last year and will undoubtedly look to win for the third year on the trot next year. The closest race to the title was in Year 9 – the cup has flitted from Mrs Armitage's tutor (9C) and Mr Hornby's tutor (9X) in the last two years and this year was the closest it has been with just two points in the final total – 125–123. A special mention to Mr Willis and 10B – they have won a hat trick of titles in Year 8, 9 and 10. Covid meant that they didn't compete in Year 7 and they won't have a sports day in Year 11 so they leave as undefeated sports day champions – well done!!

Girls Cricket District Champions

The girls' cricket teams have had an outstanding season. The U13 and U15 softball cricket teams were invited specially to take part in the South Ribble district competition due to their outstanding reputation. On 12 June they travelled to Penwortham Cricket Club to take part in a round robin tournament against Penwortham Priory and All Hallows. Both teams were nothing short of brilliant and won all four matches on the day, being crowned district champions and going through to the county finals at West Houghton.



U13 Girls' County Trophy Winners

The U13 girls took to the field playing in a round robin tournament against Unity, Chorlton High School, St. Peters & Bowland. The first game was a close affair with the girls beating Unity by just 13 runs. They sailed through their second game and then had an incredibly close game against St. Peter's with their only being 10 runs difference in the final score. With qualification secured, the U13s beat Bowland 119-52 to ensure Bishops totally dominated.

We are so proud of these girls especially considering some of them do not play at club level. Player of the day, rightly so, was awarded to Libbie Taylor!



First Place in County for U15 Girls Cricket

The U15s played in a round robin tournament against Unity, St Bedes, Trinity & Broughton High School. Having secured qualification to the regional round after winning the third game, the girls went into a tough final game against Broughton knowing only a win would see them crowned county champions. They fielded well only allowing the opposition to score 46 with player of the day, Anna Berry, taking two wickets in her five balls before replying with 87 to ensure victory in all four games & take the trophy back to school. Player of the day was awarded to Anna Berry.



The season hasn't finished yet - both teams will travel to Sale Cricket Club on 4 July in a bid to be crowned Regional champions - we are incredibly proud of them all!

U13s Boys' Cricket

In the Lancashire Schools' Cricket competition our U13s beat St Mary's from Crosby, but unfortunately then lost away at Merchant Taylor's Crosby. We bowled and fielded brilliantly, showing great team spirit and were finally defeated with only a few balls to spare and the last pair at the wicket. A 7-a-side team narrowly missed out on qualification for the Gillette Cup final in Chorley.



U15s Boys' Cricket

Our first game for the U15s boys was in the Plate Competition against Alder Grange at home. Victory took us to Clitheroe Grammar School but unfortunately we were comfortably defeated despite some good fielding and a couple of wickets late on. A 7-a-side team will compete in the Chorley Schools' Gillette Cup competition at the end of the term.

A huge thanks for supporting the boys and girls who played this summer!

NEW CATERING

From the new school year our catering will be provided by Aspens and Beaumont's Cafe will have a fresh look! Keep an eye on the Catering page of our website for the updated menus and information in the new school year:
<https://www.bishopr.co.uk/parents/catering>.

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

Work is slowly progressing on this. We are trying to get the area cleared and new membrane and stones laid before we add more raised beds and planters. We have a small budget for this and if are parents are able to help with any of this please contact Mrs Duckworth at school.

Charity Book Collection Appeal

We are continuing our appeal for good quality second hand books, both fiction and non fiction, childrens and adults. These are donated to a parent who organises the book stalls in Booths supermarkets locally. The funds raised are then donated to various charities. Please continue to send these in after the Summer holidays too.

Little Princess Trust Cake Bake

On 23 May nearly 200 cakes were baked by our Charity Minions to help Year 8 student Sadie raise money so that the hair she already cut off can be made into a wig for the Little Princess Trust. Cakes were sold for 50p breaktime and in total

xxxxx was raised:

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



Fairtrade Champion Award

We are thrilled to announce we were awarded the Fairtrade Active Award in April – which recognises how school are educating students and the whole community about the importance of Fairtrade. As well as assemblies and Citizenship lessons, students have taken part in a survey and the Charity Minions have also served Fairtrade tea, coffee and sweet treats at parent coffee days. As a Christian Academy striving to improve outcomes for all young people, this is a great example of what we do well!



Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

Huge thanks to all parents for your generous donations of good quality, clean, preloved uniform. Our shop on Wednesday 3 July raised £661, which will be used towards the school garden renovations. If you missed the shop we will be holding another one in the Autumn term, we will be collecting uniform then too.

July Non Uniform Day

Our final non-uniform day of this school year took place a week early due to residential trips taking place. We were raising money to donate to an appeal for a solar-powered defibrillator to be installed outside the Fika Rivington Cafe leading up to the Pike. In total we raised £1391.

NEW WEBSITE!

We are delighted to announce that our new website launched in April 2024, and to go with the fresh new look there are also new and updated menus and content. We hope it will help with navigating the site more easily and provide more information on what we are doing in school. Please visit at:

<https://www.bishopr.co.uk/>

Follow Us on Social Media!

One of the best way to keep in touch with what we are doing is to also follow us on Facebook – if you haven't already you can follow us here: <https://www.facebook.com/BishopRawstone/>

We have a Facebook and Instagram page dedicated to everything sports related at Bishop Rawstone too – you can follow us at the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Bishop-Rawstone-C-of-E-Academy-Sport-100083218696288/>

<https://www.instagram.com/bishoprawstornesport/?igsh=MXgwMmEzZGtjd2ZlZA%3D%3D>

Thanks for your support!

VISITS AND TRIPS

Year 10 Sorrento Geography Trip

In April, 40 students from Year 10 travelled to the Bay of Naples for a Geography trip. Whilst there we took a misty hike up Mt Vesuvius, travelled round the Isle of Capri seeing, arches, stacks and discordant coastlines. We visited the ancient city of Pompeii and saw how the land use model that we use today worked so well 2000 years ago. We even found time to visit a organic farm to look at sustainability and pizza making. A great time was had by all, and the weather was kind (most of the time anyway!).



Year 10 Manchester Geography Trip

Year 10 completed their final piece of fieldwork in Manchester – how land-use changes from the suburbs towards the city centre. We had a detour to the National Trust Castlefield Viaduct and talked about the history of Manchester and how this project is benefiting the urban environment. Students were extremely well behaved and completed their work to a high standard.



Year 7 Liverpool Trip

On Friday 21 June our Year 7 students went on an enrichment trip to the Liverpool Walker Art Gallery, World Museum and Anglican Cathedral and had a great experience. They behaved brilliantly and saw artwork, sculptures and amazing architecture.



Year 9 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

On Wednesday 15 May Year 9 visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, where they enjoyed exploring and had Walk, Talk and Make sessions with the artist guides. The weather stayed good and we brought home some very tired students!



Year 10 National Arboretum

On Thursday 23 May Year 10 had a enrichment trip to The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Students had a guided tour looking at the art and history of the memorials and had the opportunity to do their own personalised sketches.

Year 9 Cleveleys' Beach Geography Trip

Year 9 completed their first piece of GCSE fieldwork in Cleveleys and despite the blistering heat, or extreme wind, students did a great job of collecting data and learning new skills. Whilst investigating the impact of sea defences on the shape of the beach they worked well as part of a team and got to grips with some unfamiliar fieldwork equipment. Their behaviour was excellent and they demonstrated what fantastic Geographers they are becoming.



Cadbury's World Trip

The Year 9 and 10 Food and Nutrition students had an early 7am start on 1 July to travel to Cadbury World in Birmingham. As part of the course, learning about where their food comes from, they looked at how cocoa beans are turned into chocolate. They had an interactive talk about the different Cadbury products and the production methods used. They had a go at piping and tempering chocolate in the 'have a go' centre. During the factory tour they learned more about how chocolate is made and rated the melted chocolate with some toppings. Delicious!



Year 8 Blackpool Zoo

On Monday 24 June Baby Orangutans, elephants having mud baths and the sea lions greeted Year 8 pupils at Blackpool Zoo. Students were studying adaptations in animals as part of their Adaptation and Inheritance unit of work. A fun day was had by all, studying animals and enjoying the sunny weather.

Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Two groups of Year 10 students completed their Bronze practice expedition at the end of April and their assessed expedition in June. Students practised many navigation skills including setting the map, pacing, capturing and collecting feature. They also pitched tents and cooked a light evening meal. Well done to all!

Year 7 Formby Geography Trip

As part of their work on coastal processes and landforms Year 7 visited Formby in the last week of term. They completed a transect from the railway station to the beach which allowed them to investigate sand dune succession and key processes like longshore drift. At their request, after a study on plastic pollution, we also conducted a litter pick on the beach. What great ambassadors for our school!

Year 7 Paris Trip and Year 9 and 10 Germany and Belgium Trip

On 6-12 July 45 Year 7 students will be going on a residential trip to Paris including a visit to Disneyland Paris. At the same time 94 Year 9 and 10 students will also be going on a Germany & Belgium trip. We hope they all have a great experience!

FUTURE TRIPS

- 30 August - Year 11 SIX History Theatre Trip
- 4 September - Year 10 Blood Brothers Trip
- October 2024 - Year 11 Krakow trip

More trips are being planned and further information will be provided nearer to the time.

STUDENT AWARDS THIS TERM

Congratulations to all these students who received a 'B' for Bishop's Badge this term! The next Headteacher's Award presentations will be in September.

AMBASSADOR BADGE

Year 7

Seren Haynes

Elsa Thomson

Year 8

Henry Hodgkinson

Jack Green

Year 9

Chloe Nickson

Molly Pennington

Judy Winnard

Emily Savage

Sienna Crosby

Jemima Rayner

SPORTS' BADGE

Year 7

Nathanial Pendlebury

Harry Bee

William Lewis

Year 8

Alfie Liptrot

Luca Anders

Emily Tipper

Carmen Morgan

Year 9

James Kenny

Leah Menzies

Edward Nye

Harry Cheyne

Bob Dixon

Freya Hodgson

Abigail Lee

Tess Bedworth

Tom Robinson

Oscar Holliday

Oliver Hepplestone

Noah Howarth

Tom Shuttleworth

Jacob Cardwell

Joseph Fisher

Oliver Daulby

ARTS' BADGE

Year 7

Freddie Laithwaite

Year 9

Bea Ferguson

CHARITY BADGE

Year 7

Daisy Halliwell

Peter Crosbie

Taylor Arron

Brody Ashton

Year 8

Zach Whittle

Sadie Gallagher

Jake Hanlon

Lucy Iddon

Year 9

Florence Chaplin

Freya Hodgson

Tess Bedworth

May Hough

Izzy Delaney

Neve Ashcroft

Year 11

Kate Worsley

COMMUNITY BADGE

Year 7

Amelie Tate

Joseph English

Finlay Evison Tuson

Mollie Lowe

Year 8

Daniel Williams

Lucy Iddon

ENTERPRISE BADGE

Year 11

Ruby Mander



SUMMER TERM ROUND UP

New Geog On Podcasts Episodes

Our Year 10 geographers have been hard at work with three more podcast episodes:

Episode 2 – the return of Beavers to the UK

Episode 3 – Lancashire's Urban Treescape project.

Episode 4 – the challenges of climate change and skiing

You can subscribe and listen to the podcasts by visiting the link below:

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/bishopr/>



Readathon

During May, Year 7 and 8 students were encouraged to take part in the Readathon Sponsored Read whilst raising money to support the charity Read for Good. Students recorded everything they read – some of whom logged over 50 hours of reading during the three-week period! We raised £1,435 for the charity and 20% of this we will be able to keep to spend on books in school!

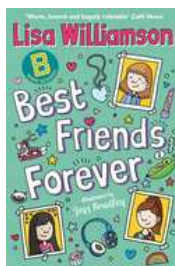


Year 11 Leavers' Day

On 24 May we celebrated our Year 11 students before they began half-term and the remainder of their exams. There were memories from amazing tutors and a great Head of Year in school, then a celebration service in St Michael's Church.

Visit from Actor & Author Lisa Williamson

On June 4 some Year 7 students were lucky enough to meet actor and author Lisa Williamson who told us all about her life leading up to writing her latest series: 'Bigg School'. She explained her writing process and how she used her shyness to her advantage. The students really enjoyed her visit, one of whom even gave her a new character idea for the next book in the series!



Year 7 Apocalypse Club

A group of Year 7 students are taking part in Apocalypse Club this half term! Through different practicals, we are working to understand how humans and other life might survive a giant asteroid strike, like the one that caused the extinction of the dinosaurs.

World Book Day

Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to redesign a cover for their favourite book at the end of the Spring term with the winners being announced in May. The winners were Thomas, for his version of 'The Hobbit' and Gemma, for her version of 'Wings Of Fire'. They received an Ebb & Flo book token as a prize. The runners up were Hannah (The Great Dream Robbery), Jackson (Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone), Kaitlyn (Diary of a Wimpy Kid) and Holly (Superworm).



Spring Concert

Congratulations to the 90 talented musicians who took part in the concert held at the start of the Summer term! The standard of performance was exceptional and there was a lovely atmosphere in the hall, generated by all the families, friends and staff who came to support us – thank you!

Croston D Day Commemorations

On 6 June we were proud to support Croston in the villages D Day commemoration. Thanks to all our students and staff involved, and the village community for coordinating such a lovely, respectful event.



Croston Park Care Home Choir

On Friday 14 June 20 members of our choir had a delightful morning. With Mrs Wood, Mr Ashcroft and Mr Hodge they sang at Croston Park Care Home. A very emotional hour of songs and chatter was enjoyed by the students, but more importantly by the residents. Thanks to our young people for being great ambassadors, and thanks to the staff for taking the time to coordinate this lovely event.



World Faith Day

On Tuesday 18 June Year 8 took part in World Faith Day – a celebration and exploration of different faiths and traditions. A variety of representatives and experts visited school to deliver workshops which included Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Sikhism and Humanism. The students had a fun day exploring and developing their understanding of different faiths. Thank you to all the representatives who gave their time to come in.

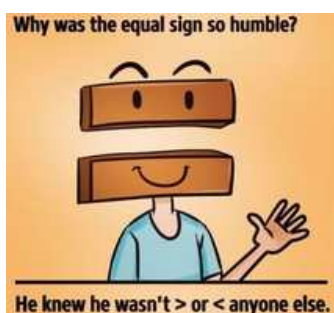
Year 11 Prom

On Wednesday 19 June, our Prom was once again held at the beautiful Rivington Hall Barn. The Year 11 students, as always, looked fantastic and arrived in style to a fantastic reception from parents, staff and friends. They danced the night away, had a delicious hot and cold buffet and were amazed by magic from Pete. It was a fantastic send off as they embark on their next adventure.



Numeracy Week

In the last week of June Year 7 were set a task as part of 'Numeracy Week', to spot the use of numeracy and Maths outside the Maths classroom. Having collected in the 'Numeracy Logs' on which examples were recorded, prizes are on their way to Libby and Harris for the best collections, and to Mr Sixsmith and Mrs Bonner for being nominated as Year 7's star numeracy teachers!



Parents' Forum

On Tuesday 4 June we ran our third and final parent forum of the year – Enrichment with Miss Huyton. Further details on what was discussed and how to get involved can be found on our website: www.bishopr.co.uk/parents/parent-forums.

Year 7 Space Day

On the 27 June Year 7 students took part in Space Day which involved lots of fun activities related to all things space. The activities included handling rock from the Apollo missions and Martian meteorites, stepping into the planetarium with Richard Lake to explore the universe, a talk from the author of 'Stars and planets' Dennis Ashton and much more! It was a great day and helped students to enrich their understanding of space and the universe.



First Aid Day

On Friday 28 June Year 10 students were involved in a First Aid day as part of our enrichment programme. Sessions were delivered by external first aid providers learning about CPR, AEDs and blood injuries, and by teaching staff on 'Alcohol & First Aid' or 'Bone, Muscle & Joint injuries'. It was an interesting and invaluable day for all the students involved.

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 6 Intake Evening and Taster Day

Following on from the Year 6 Intake Evening in June, our future Year 7's were invited for a 'Taster Day' on 3 July – giving them a chance to experience life at Bishops as part of their transition. All students were given a copy of Sabina Radeva's 'On the Origin of Species'. We hope they enjoy reading the book and working on their summer activity and we look forward to seeing them again in August!

Human Careers Fair

On Friday 5 July we welcomed over 50 careers providers in school in our annual Human Careers' Fair. Each year group took turns to visit, taking time to look at some of the future opportunities available to them and hopefully giving them some food for thought. We would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to visit our students!

Visit by Screen Writer and Author Mark Illis



We were visited by author and screenwriter Mark Illis in early July when he talked to Year 8 and 9 students, giving them an instant writing exercise, writing tips and a couple of short readings. In addition to his talk, a group of students from Year 7 and 9 took part in a workshop where he discussed the importance of creating believable, fictitious characters through the art of writing. Everyone involved felt inspired to get writing and we are very much looking forward to welcoming more authors and writers into school next year!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2024-2025

Head Students

Our Head Students for 2024-2025 are Georgia Wood and Sam Boucher. They were chosen from a short-list of Senior Prefects, and will have additional Senior Prefect responsibilities which will include presenting at our Open Evening in September, and helping awarding gifts at our Year 11 Awards' Evening in November.



Year 11 Senior Prefects

The following students will have additional duties in supporting the school and can be seen around school wearing the red prefect tie!

Anna Berry	Luke Samuels
Fraser Blundell	Chloe McManus
Summer Bretherton	Will Spencer
Sam Boucher	Lucy Motley
Libby Cocker	Joseph Sykes
Luca Brewer	Jeade Pantoflet
Phoebe Ewins	Cole Tiffin
Ed Cast	Bea Pendlebury
Evie Flanagan	Addison Turner
Sam Christie	Danielle Pendlebury
Emily Hadfield	Dylan Wilson
Charles Hailwood	Holly Ryan
Jenna Harding	Sophie Taylor
Ewan Maclachlan	Evangeline Tierney
Lois Holt	Emily Websdell
Freddie McDonald	Georgia Wood
Molly Howell	Harriet Wood

Year 10 Mentors

Many thanks to all the Year 9 students who applied to act as Mentors to our Year 7s in August. We had over 50 applications for 12 positions so it was a very difficult job trying to choose the successful candidates! The Mentors have already done a fantastic job on the New Intake evening and will also be playing a key role on Year 6 Taster Day. The successful applicants were:

Sienna Crosby, Yasmin Elliott, Ruby Ruby, Bradley Fairman, William Hazlehurst, Olivia Jeffery, Jacob Jones, Lexie McDonald, Silas Plunkett, Jamie Weetman, and Lucia Zoldan.

SUMMER WELLBEING

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you"
1 Peter 5:7



With the summer holidays approaching and perhaps some warmer weather on its way, there are many benefits to being active in the holidays, including developing your physical, emotional and social wellbeing:

1. Use the time to alleviate any possible boredom

With the summer holidays altering our normal daily routines, it is important to counter-balance excessive amounts of screen time with physical activity to keep your mind and body engaged.

2. Support your own health and well-being

Regular physical activity is crucial for your overall fitness level – it is recommended that you are active for 1 hour per day. Participating in organised sport or playing in the local park can help cardiovascular fitness. Exercising releases endorphins, or 'feel good' hormones, which will lift your mood and reduce any negative feelings, as well as improving concentration, boosting self-esteem and promoting better sleep patterns.

3. Developing social skills

The summer holidays provide an excellent opportunity to engage in group activities and foster social interaction with those you know and to meet new friends. Developing social skills link closely to life skills such as teamwork, leadership and empathy.

4. Trying new hobbies

Free time during the holidays may provide opportunities to develop learn new skills and potential talents which in turn will build confidence and self-esteem.

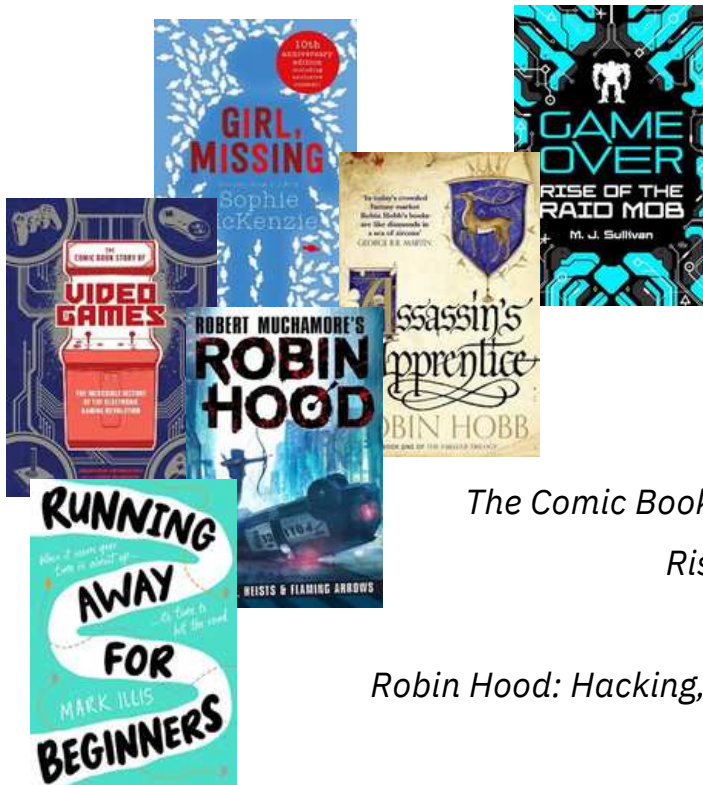
5. Developing cognitive abilities

Participating in physical activity can significantly benefit your cognitive abilities. Develop focus, a sharper mind and a better memory by keeping active.

Summer Reading Recommendations

KS3 Books:

Black Hole Cinema Club by Christopher Edge
Wendy Jones and the Missing Tree by Daniel Dockery
Dragon Mountain by Katie & Kevin Tsang
What Not To Do If You Turn Invisible by Ross Welford
Daring Deeds: WWII Short Stories by KLG History
Interesting Facts For Curious Minds by Jordan Moore



KS4 Books:

Girl Missing by Sophie Kinsella
Assassin's Apprentice by Robin Hobb
The Comic Book Story Of Video Games by Jonathan Hennessey
Rise Of The Raid Mob: Game Over by M.J. Sullivan
Running Away For Beginners by Mark Illis
Robin Hood: Hacking, Heists & Flaming Arrows by Robert Muchamore

Classic Books:

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Tintin: The Secret Of The Unicorn by Hergé
The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
The Hitch-hiker's Guide To The Galaxy by Douglas Adams



WATER SAFETY OVER SUMMER

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents. Please see the link for further information on Summer water safety: [RLSS Summer Water Safety](#).

If you find yourself struggling in the water unexpectedly follow the RNLI's 'Float to Live' steps to safety below – please share with your children and friends and family. For further information and a video see the website below: <https://rnli.org/safety/float>



5 steps to know how to float

However you end up in the water, if you end up in difficulty, Float to Live.



Further information

For further information on water safety visit:

www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk

www.rspa.com

www.nationalwatersafety.org.uk

Water Safety



making Lancashire safer

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EVERY YEAR
people drown
IN OPEN WATER AROUND LANCASHIRE



Water safety advice

As temperatures rise, it's tempting to cool off with a swim in a river, canal, lake or reservoir. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is regularly called to rescue people who have got into trouble in the water.

What are the dangers?

- ❖ There is no supervision.
- ❖ The cold water temperature can claim your life in minutes - even if you are a strong swimmer.
- ❖ It's difficult to estimate the depth of the water. It may be much deeper or much shallower than expected.
- ❖ There are often no suitable places to get out of the water due to steep slimy banks or sides.
- ❖ There is no way of knowing what lies beneath - there could be weeds, pipes, shopping trolleys, sharp metal or broken bottles.
- ❖ Swimming in open water can lead to a variety of serious illnesses.
- ❖ There may be hidden currents. Flowing water or swimming in the sea can be especially dangerous.
- ❖ Alcohol and swimming don't mix - perception and capability are both affected by drinking.

What should I do if I see someone in difficulty?

Alert someone, preferably a lifeguard. Or, dial 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service. Explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.

Enjoy the water safely this summer

- ✔ Swim somewhere safe - the swimming baths.
- ✔ Obey the warning signs around reservoirs, lakes, canals, rivers and at the beach.
- ✔ Value your own safety first - jumping into the water to rescue pets or belongings can be highly dangerous.
- ✔ Know what to do in an emergency - ring 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service. Explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.
- ✔ Enjoy organised water sports in a safe environment - with the correct equipment and a qualified instructor.



Have fun at your local swimming pool

dying for a dip?

Don't risk it - BE SAFE AROUND WATER

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