

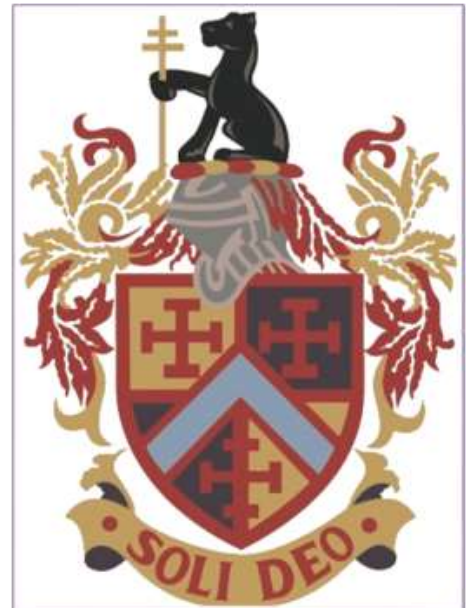
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Message from our Headteacher

It seems incredible to think that this is the last newsletter of this academic year. It does not feel that long ago that we were welcoming our new Year 7 students in to the Bishop Ullathorne family. Such is the nature of schools, terms flash by and we now find ourselves at the end of another busy academic year. There have been many wonderful achievements. It has been exciting to see a full roster of performing and arts events up and running again as well as our incredible sporting achievements.

However, perhaps the most remarkable achievement this year has been the daily choices made by our students. I particularly want to thank those children in our community who have diligently and quietly made good choices day-in and day-out. So many of our young people fall into this category. I hope the events of the last few days: the trips, sponsored walk and diversity picnic go some way to saying thank you to all of those children who live out our Ullathorne Way values every day.

Next year, we enter our 70th year as a Catholic school. It is therefore fitting that we will return in the Autumn with a brand new sports hall. We have also just been informed that our school is part of the first wave of new build projects from the Department for Education. This means that we should be stood in a new school building by September 2026. Exciting times lay ahead but for now may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your ongoing support and wish you a restful and happy Summer.

God bless

Mr Billings, Headteacher

I pray that the holidays bring love, joy, and kindness to us all and that we show it to a world that is broken and hurting.

Thank you for coming to earth and living among us until it was time for you to die and rise again for us.

Thank you for taking away our sins and offering us the gift of salvation.

Amen

Good news

Showcase

Our Showcase competition has gone from strength to strength, celebrating its 10th anniversary in June. Our twelve performances ranged from Year 7 to Year 10, with two staff members, Mr Murthy and Mrs Davis, rounding off the night.

Well done to: Year 7 students Peach McElvenney and Alessia Campanella; Year 8 student Papa Sam; Year 9 students Ashlyn Johnston, Sophia Turner, Joseph Dore, Julita Cyubulska and Sophia Campanella; and Year 10 students, Angela Kabue, Olivia Davies, Caitlyn Quayle and Maame McSam.

The winners were:

1st Joseph Dore - magician

2nd Angela Kabue - singer

3rd Peach McElvenney and Alessia Campanella - dancers

Staff winner, Mr Murphy with his compelling dance.

What a great wealth of talented pupils and staff we have. The Showcase team and Gracie-Mae Bunn managed to raise £550 for the Dreamflight charity for seriously ill and disabled children. There were great raffle prizes kindly donated by our staff and families which included top fragrances, Champagne, a voucher for beauty treatments and other delightful treats.

Rhianne Daley - who competed in the first ever Showcase and was also in attendance. She was amazed at the talent and is now studying law.

Thank you to the student judges panel - Stacey and Tracey William and Maame McSam, our staff band Bill Dallman, Rory Whelan, Emma Davis, Eileen Jeremiah, Rosie Gill, Guinevere Greenhalgh, Beth Smith, Jo Moloney and Julian Challis. Special thanks go to Michael Anstee, Jessica Bull, Oliwia Skotarek, Grace Murphy, Fabia Hully, Barrie Morris, Anthony Warner, Mark Newell, Robbie Magrane, Finance, Site Services and to all attendees for being there. What an amazing night!



Good news

Debate club

Debate Club has continued this year with Mrs Hallam and Mrs Griffiths and has witnessed some fascinating and heated debates. This club includes students across all key stages from Year 7 to 13 and is a brilliant way for students to develop their oracy and eloquence. Let's be honest we all love a good (but polite) argument sometimes!

We have covered all sorts of debates - usually suggested and led by the students. Topics have ranged from:

- Is Boxing the most challenging sport?
- There's nothing better than.....
- Winston Churchill - Role Model or Racist?
- Should we commemorate American independence?
- Which pop act is most significant?
- Is a Chinese takeaway the best takeaway meal?
- What makes the best Disney film?
- Does Social Media do more harm than good?

Well done to all involved.

French play

In May, Onatti theatre company came to our school to put on a performance of 'la Maison Hantée' for all students of French in Years 8 to 10.

The company present live theatre which is written to complement students' French language learning. All of the actors are trained to perform with clear, slow delivery and good use of mime to ensure that students can follow the play.

The play centres on a haunted house and, what seems at the outset to be a scary story, quickly turns into a hilarious farce when things start to go wrong.

The company very much encourages student participation. Larissa in Year 10 and Eli in Year 8 were brave volunteers and added to the comedy of the performance.



All students enjoyed the performance and gained a lot from watching it. The play sustained their interest and enjoyment and boosted their confidence as language learners.



Good news

Duke of Edinburgh expedition

July has been a busy month for our Duke of Edinburgh students. Over 60 of our Year 10 Bronze students have been out on expedition. After a weekend packed with rain, wind, and sun we were very pleased to say that our wonderful students have completed their two days walking and camping in Hatton, Warwickshire.

Over the course of the four days, two sets of students embarked on planned routes. From torrential rain to sweltering heat, the students epitomised our Ullathorne Way values. The staff who took part in both Bronze expeditions are extremely proud of what our students achieved. The Duke of Edinburgh Award shows commitment and resilience and is well recognised at universities and with employers. Students can demonstrate so many employability skills by achieving it; problem solving, effective communication and team work to name but a few.

Miss Newell would like to thank everyone who gave up time and weekends to allow this to happen. Huge thanks goes to Mr Challis, Miss Frenguelli, Mr Anstee, Miss Eke, Mrs Frenguelli and Mrs Revell who came with us. Of course, a huge thank you to Miss Newell our Duke of Edinburgh manager.

Year 9 students are currently being enrolled into the programme and will start on their Bronze award over the Summer holidays. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve this time next year. The Silver award will once again be offered to our Year 12 students and will be launched when they start in September. They will join our current Silver group next year on a joint expedition.



Thank you

We have received some lovely feedback from parents who have had a long-standing relationship with the school while their children have attended here. It is always good to know our previous students have gone on to be successful in Further and Higher Educational studies and embarked on successful careers in a path of their choosing.

Good news

Music

Three of our school's bands comprising of students from Year 8 to Year 10 performed at a sell-out event at The Tin at the Coal Vaults in Coventry's Canal Basin as part of a night of rock featuring local bands. The students performed brilliantly with professionalism, musicality and flare. We look forward to the next one!



Athletics

Congratulations to Theo, Zac, Amari, Junior, Dan and Illy for winning the Coventry Super Six athletics competition. They competed against five other schools and eventually ran out winners by 7 points over Bablake who were second. It was an impressive performance against strong competition with the boys winning a good number of events they participated in. The boys competed in two events each plus the relay and gained points depending on where they finished.

Student	Event
Amari	100m, relay and javelin
Dan	200m, relay and shot put
Illy	100m, relay and long jump
Junior	800m and javelin
Theo	800m and long jump
Zac	200m, relay and shot put



Primary visit

In June, 11 students in Year 8 went to Christ the King primary school to teach and introduce some French pastries to Year 5. It was a fun and informative morning! Our students were well-spoken, engaging and interacted well with the class. It was lovely for the primary children to experience something different, try some foods, practise their French and hear all about languages at secondary school.

Louis Wooderson said: "Bonjour! Knowing another language can massively help us in the future and opens up many more career paths for us. Overall, it was a great morning with the children and really helped me build confidence. Merci beaucoup!"

Good news

Coventry inspiration book award ceremony

Last month, we were delighted to host the ceremony for the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards at Bishop Ullathorne.

Run by the Coventry Schools Library Service, the awards comprise five different shortlists of books for young people, all chosen by SLS staff and librarians from across the city through a rigorous selection process. There are two shortlists for Primary schools (a picture book and one for more developing readers), a transition shortlist for pupils in Years 5-7, a **'Rapid Reads' category**, and a final shortlist of books for older students, aimed at young people over 14 years of age.

Schools and Book Clubs across the county spent the Autumn and Spring terms reading books from their chosen shortlist and voting online for their favourites, before the winning book was announced in March, in a process of weekly elimination.

Bishop Ullathorne's Library Book Club read books from all three secondary categories, and two library reading groups made up of selected Year 7 pupils also read some of the shortlisted books – one group read from the transition category **'Hooked on Books'** and one from the **'Rapid Reads' category**. All three groups were passionate about their favourites and keen to place their weekly votes. There was even tactical voting going on in the transition group at one point, designed to keep both of their favourites in the running!

Although the five winners are announced in the Spring, the Summer term sees all of the participating schools come together at one venue to celebrate and we were lucky enough to be selected to host the 2023 ceremony. The day was a wonderful success. We had visiting pupils and staff from a range of different schools, including some as young as six and seven, schools presenting on their favourite book and speeches from two of the five category-winning authors (with written and video messages from the others who were unable to attend on the day).

Huw Lewis Jones, polar explorer and author of the picture book category-winning *Bad Apple* engaged everyone in an impromptu rhyming battle and transition category winner Lily Bailey spoke about her own battles with OCD as inspiration for her moving novel *When I See Blue*, about bullying, friendship and overcoming adversity.

Our Library Book Club was asked to present the award for the 14+ category **'Simply the Book'** which was won by William Sutcliffe's *The Summer We Turned Green*, a timely novel about climate protests and how everyone can play their part. The group delivered a wonderful presentation which involved more of Grace Murphy's stunning animations as well as six members dressing as protestors, holding banners created by Year 7 student Tessa Baker, and delivering heartfelt messages about the category itself, the winning book and the important themes.



Book Club presenting on *The Summer We Turned Green*
(L-R) Grace, Dawid, Elizabeth, Teresa, Rose and Tessa

Good news

Book award - continued

After the ceremony itself, students could purchase books, meet the authors and have their books or bookplates signed.

As well as the three library groups, all of the student librarians, two groups of Year 7s participating in a phonics programme and all sixteen of our Year 7 students reading with a Year 12 mentor, were also invited to attend the ceremony as a reward for their attendance and commitment at their sessions this year. Everybody left with at least one signature – and many of them with a selfie or two with the authors as well.



There was also a raffle in aid of a local mental health charity for young people and our students were somehow lucky enough to win seven of the ten prizes available!



Raffle winners Alexander, Malachi, Freddie, Cerys, Annabelle, Joanna and Dawoud

Student librarians

Once term starts in September, the library will be looking for new student librarians. Application forms will be available from the library.

September is also a really suitable time to join our Library Book Club, as we will be beginning the Book Club Choice Awards. Being a member of Book Club is a really rewarding activity with plenty of opportunities to attend events and meet authors.

Empathy day

As reported in the last newsletter at half term, one of our library focus weeks was on Empathy, to tie in with World Empathy Day. To support the day, we produced an 'Empathy Reads' list for students which is available from the library. The selected books are pictured here, separated by year group for suitability. All of these titles are available to borrow from the school library.

We have continued to focus on a particular topic each week, and have so far covered subjects such as food for World Chocolate Day and seas and oceans for Shark Awareness Day. Our final focus for this term is on sport, due to the Women's World Cup begins in Australia and New Zealand. Please get in touch if you have any ideas for subjects we could cover in the Autumn term.

Y7



Y8



Y9



KS4



KS5



Non-Fiction



Good news

Reading celebration

This year has seen three new targeted reading programmes for some of our Year 7 students. Co-ordinated by Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Evans Bent, and our Librarian, Miss Kerslake, the students have attended a regular session in the library, each with a different focus. An intimate awards ceremony was held in the library to thank everyone involved in the reading programmes. Year 7 students, and their Year 12 and staff mentors, were presented with certificates and chocolates to recognise their enthusiasm and hard work.

The first programme to be set up was the Library Reading programme with Miss Kerslake. These two groups read extracts from some of the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards shortlisted books, as well as reading a whole text (Keith Gray's *The Climbers*) in full in the Summer term. The aim of this group was to encourage reading for pleasure, by trying different styles and genres of books, and choosing high quality and engaging texts to get the students excited about reading and discussing what they have read. Most of the students took turns reading aloud and had brilliant ideas and insights into the lives of the characters, as well as predictions for what might happen next. These two groups also had the opportunity to vote for their favourites, write reviews published to the CIBA website, and, of course, attend the CIBA ceremony.



The second programme was the Phonics Reading Programme, where two groups of students completed a dedicated scheme of work based on decoding and understanding. These students read with a teaching assistant (Miss Greenwood or Mr McGough) and completed both written work and read specific short texts. Both of these groups have engaged with the programme and have enjoyed their sessions, making really good progress on the scheme.



Good news

Reading awards - continued

Our third programme, and arguably our most successful in terms of student achievement, was the Year 12 Mentoring. A group of sixteen Year 12 students gave up their own time to spend an hour each week reading and discussing books of their choice with their Year 7 mentees. The Year 7 students gained so much from these sessions; they took turns reading challenging texts that they may not be able to access on their own, and bonded with someone older.



The Year 12 students have been selfless but not entirely unrewarded either - mentoring looks good on university and job applications and all of them enjoyed working with the younger students. They also developed their ability to lead others and manage and direct the allocated time.



All three of these programmes were pilot schemes, but all have been successful enough to be renewed for next year, for our new incoming Year 7 students. The students themselves have enjoyed taking part. Some of our feedback includes improved confidence to read prayers aloud, help with a stutter, making friends and remembering the forgotten pleasure of reading a good book.

Mrs Evans Bent, Assistant Headteacher, said: "There is a clear link between loving reading and living happy lives. Students' reading ages improved, sometimes by over two years due to the programmes. However, the most heartwarming thing for me was to see students grow in confidence and to witness strong bonds developing between students and their mentees."

Good news

Gaelic football

Four of our students were selected to represent Warwickshire in the Feile na nOg 2023 competition held in Ireland. Lorcan Walsh (Year 10) was playing for the U15s side, while Harry Farrell (Year 10), Darragh Savage (Year 10) and Callum Harkin (Year 9) were chosen to represent Warwickshire Development. Congratulations and well done.



Drama

Miss Moloney is so proud of the Year 7 Drama Club students for their fantastic performance of Tales of Trickery. The 14 students worked brilliantly alongside two Year 12 students on their debut production held in the Drama Studio in June. Drama Club is open to all year groups from September. Please see Miss Moloney for more details.



Sponsored cycle

James Miller (Year 9) completed a memorial bike ride from Coventry to Swanage in Dorset in memory of his Grandad, who sadly lost his battle to cancer. This event has taken place for the last 6 years and James has always had the ambition to complete it. The whole route is 189 miles and is a significant challenge. Well done James on being the youngest person ever to complete this event.



Art exhibition

Our Art Department showcased our awesome Year 11 and Year 13 work this month. Our school community was invited to the fantastic range of skills from Fine Art, Graphics and Photography. This year marked the first full show since COVID, resulting in a fantastic turn out from our students, family, friends and current students that made all the hard work of putting the work up worthwhile.

The atmosphere and energy during the exhibition was a celebration of all the hard work from all our students' talents taking part. We wish them all the best in their creative endeavours.



Good news

Diversity day

This month, our students wore traditional clothes to school to celebrate their culture and heritage, followed by a concert and picnic. Over 50 countries were represented some of which can be seen here:



History trip

World history has some very dark moments and the events of 1914 to 1918, whilst very sobering, must not be forgotten. Therefore it was wonderful to take 37 Year 10 students to World War I battlefields and war memorials in both Belgium and France.

For many students, being able to stand at the Menin Gate in Ypres and listen to the Grenadier Guard play was a highlight. The Last Post is played there every night as a mark of respect for fallen soldiers. Our students also walked in Canadian and German trenches as the Battle of the Somme and Arras were remembered.

Probably most poignantly we started our trip with a visit to a German Cemetery in Belgium, where we remembered that the boys and men who fought for their king and country were no different to the boys and men who fought for Britain and France.

Our students were superb and true ambassadors of our school. Thank you to parents/ carers for supporting this trip and ensuring that the sacrifice of so many is remembered. Thank you too, to Mrs Richardson, Mr Griffiths and Mrs Penson for accompanying us on our trip.



Good news

International Children's Games



Ethan Krol (Year 9) Max Mahony (Year 8), and Siem Tesfagbr (Year 10) attended the Children's International Games in Seoul, South Korea this month.

Siem competed in the 400m and relay races. Ethan and Max were both selected to compete in the swimming. Sadly, Ethan damaged his arm days before the competition but he was still able to enjoy the experience and support his fellow team mates in Seoul.

All three of the boys represented themselves, their families and the school with great humility and commitment across the week. Alongside the competitions and races there were also opportunities for them to experience the culture and vibrancy of Seoul. We are all extremely proud of their achievements. All three boys were awarded the Headteachers badge for their positive representation of our school.



French trip

In July, over 100 students and 12 staff embarked on a trip to Paris, crossing the Channel by ferry from Dover to Calais.

On day two they walked through the gardens and parks which led to the foot of the Eiffel tower. After lunch, a fantastic river boat cruise on the Seine was enjoyed by all.

On day three, Euro Disney was the next stop in the schedule and the students had an amazing and unforgettable experience.

A massive thank you to Mrs Cabrera-Mix for organising the trip and all the staff that kept the children safe during their travels.



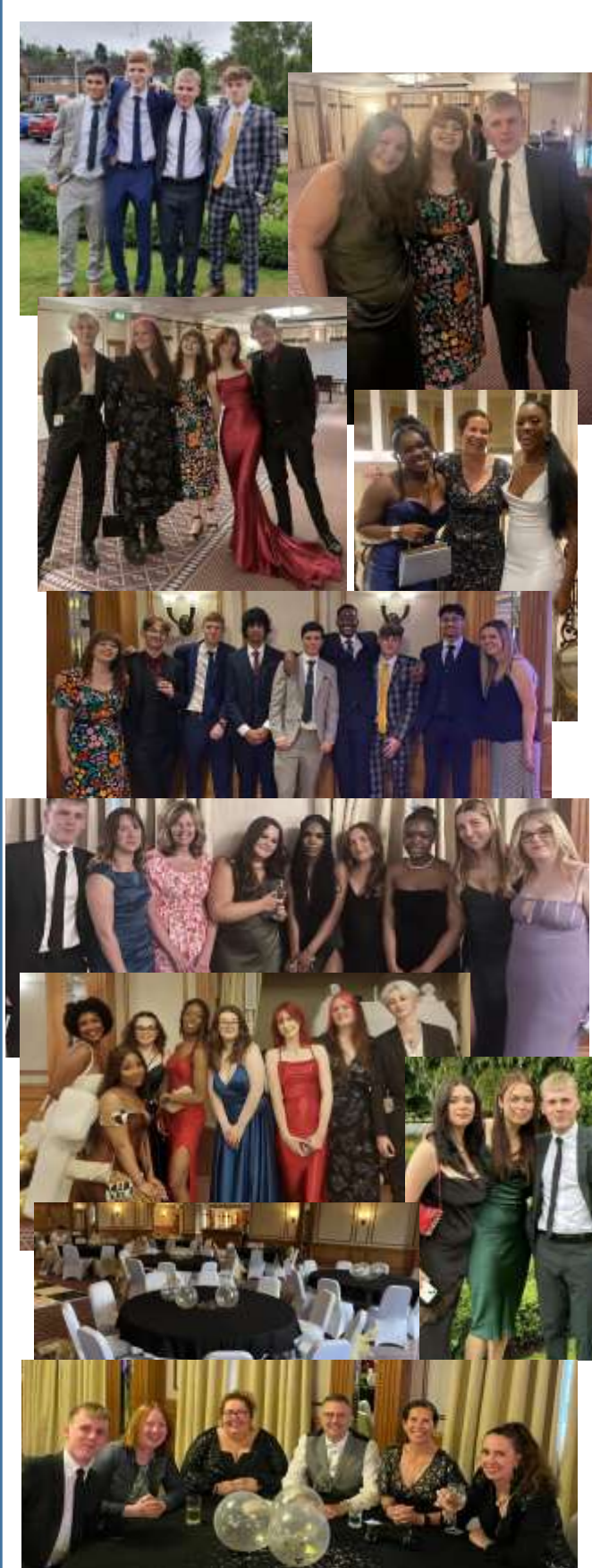
Good news

Year 11 leavers ball



It was wonderful to see so many of our young people looking fabulous for their celebrations. With some spectacular arrivals and very dapper suits, Year 11 and Year 13 enjoyed lovely evenings and it was also wonderful to see so many staff wishing our students well.

Year 13 leavers ball



Year 7 Update

Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7

It is hard to believe that Year 7 have successfully completed their first year with us. If the students cast their minds back to their first day in September, they will realise just how much they have learned and progressed since then. They will not remember much, if anything, about when they started primary school so this was the biggest and most momentous change in their lives so far and they have negotiated that change very well. My thanks go to the Year 7 Tutors who have guided their tutees through this crucial year as well as the unswerving support from Miss Greenway and Mrs Brown.

Looking ahead, Miss Greenway and I will be welcoming the new Year 7 cohort in September but I know the current Year 7s will be in very safe hands for the next two years under the guidance of the Year 8 /9 team, Mrs Jeremiah, Mr Anstee, Mrs Rosner and Miss Howe.

We have continued to recognise the achievements of our Year 7 students weekly in assembly with the Form Tutor Champions. The winners for this final half term are as listed right:

Additionally, our weekly inter form competitions have continued for the best attending form and the form which has achieved the highest number of Ace points. The form winners for this half term are as follows:

	Attendance	Form Award
Week 1	7SDU	7JC
Week 2	7RO	7TG
Week 3	7JM	7RO
Week 4	7RO, 7SDU & 7TG	7RW
Week 5	7RW	7JM
Week 6	7RW	7SDU

The last

couple of weeks of term have been filled with special events. We had our final Rewards Assembly with a high number of individuals being rewarded with certificates for progress and effort in the different subject areas, for being ambassadors of our Ullathorne Way and for 100% attendance. We went to West Midlands Safari Park for

our end of year trip where we saw plenty of animals, some of whom enjoyed blocking the road to the traffic, particularly the giraffes! Once inside the central part, the rides also proved very popular and we were very fortunate to avoid any sudden, heavy downpours, which have been an unwelcome feature recently! We celebrated our first Diversity Day and the students looked amazing in their array of traditional clothing. In the afternoon we had a whole school picnic followed by the sponsored walk and some fun and games to boot!

I would like to wish all of our parents and students a lovely Summer holiday and I look forward to seeing the year group again when they start their Year 8 journey in September.



Year 7 key dates

6 September 2023

Return to school into Year 8

Form	Tutor Champions
7BV	Oscar, Joann, Malik & Maria
7JC	Isaac, Maja, Alfie & Marley
7JM	Lily-Rose
7RO	Kyan, Isobelle, Chloe & Oliver
7RW	Ashton, Kiera, Ava, Orla, Finley & Olamide
7SDU	Malachy, Sebastian, Lizanne & Nikola
7TG	Viktorija, Chidera & Colby

Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

It has been a very busy half term again with the last of our fabulous Form assemblies based around Culture and Diversity. These assemblies helped our students to prepare for the Diversity Day. It has been so interesting to hear about the different cultures and backgrounds of so many of our students. We have watched some fabulous Irish dancing and listened to lots of different music.

We also have cook books created by the students with different cultural foods and beautiful wall displays in classrooms. The students led and prepared the assemblies themselves.

We were very excited about our school trip to France last week. The students who went had a fabulous time in sunny Paris and Euro-Disney and on the whole were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to all of the staff who gave up their free time and weekend to accompany us all.

We also ran a Mental Wellbeing retreat to Soli House at the end of June with 20 of our Year 9 students. Again they were fabulous ambassadors for our school in the way that they joined in and conducted themselves. We are very proud of them all.

A massive WELL DONE to all of those students who achieved a certificate at our lovely Rewards Assemblies. We are proud of you all. Unfortunately, we cannot reward every student therefore many of our students will have an opportunity for recognition through a letter of praise from me to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to our school. That will be sent home at the end of term.

Finally, good luck and farewell to Year 9 as they transition into Year 10 and their GCSE years. I do hope that they continue to progress and mature to become the best people that they can be, following our Ullathorne Way values on a daily basis.

I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Summer holiday where I hope the sun will be shining and I thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

God Bless.



Year 8 key dates

6 September 2023

Return to school into Year 9

Year 9 key dates

6 September 2023

Return to school into Year 10



Year 10 key dates

6 September 2023

Return to school into Year 11

7 September 2023

Year 10 Information Evening

Year 11 key dates

24 August 2023

GCSE results collection and
enrolment for Sixth Form
9am B Block Hall

5 September 2023

Return to school into Year 12

5 October 2023

Year 11 Information Evening



Spare uniform

If you have uniform in good condition that is no longer needed, we will be collecting donations on GCSE results day - Thursday 24 August.

Alternatively please drop it off at our Gatehouse reception in September. The office is open until 4pm.

Many thanks.

Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

It has been an incredibly busy term for our Year 10 students; they had their first taste of sitting GCSE examination papers in examination conditions in B Block Hall and Gym, the Drayton Manor Trip, Diversity Day, the Duke of Edinburgh expedition and Sports Day.

Year 10 have worked hard over the course of the year; the bulk of their GCSE content has been taught, and they now have results that let them know how much more they need to do so that they will be ready for next May when the examination season proper starts. With this in mind, I would advise that all Year 10 students commit time over the Summer to consolidate their knowledge. 30 minutes every day over the course of the Summer will ensure that they return ready and secure in their knowledge in September. This could be simply answering quiz questions on SENECA, practising English questions, testing themselves on Sparx Maths or parents/carers testing knowledge. Although 30 minutes is not a lot of time, it is enough to keep the knowledge relevant and place Year 10 at an advantage at the start of Year 11.

It has been wonderful to see Year 10 mature over this academic year and I very much look forward to seeing thrive and flourish in Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support and thank you to Year 10 tutors and Mrs Marston and Mrs Richardson for their hard work.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful Summer.



Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

The Summer term has provided wonderful opportunities for our Sixth Form students to celebrate their hard work and commitment to our Bishop Ullathorne community. The Year 13 Leavers' Mass was very special and we appreciated meeting parents who were able to attend. The students sat their A Level examinations in an exemplary manner and were very supportive of each other. The Manor Hotel was an excellent venue for the Sixth Form Prom where an enjoyable evening was had by all.

The focus for Year 12 students has inevitably included end of year examinations and their results show the progress made. Alongside their academic work, they are developing important transferable skills to use in the work place.

Meeting employers on a morning organised by Mrs Bellingham, our Careers Officer, gave students an individual interview to practise their communication skills using the STAR technique. It also was a chance to network with professionals who kindly shared their expertise. Our UCAS and Personal Statement workshop has given students invaluable research resources to help in exploring post-18 pathways. Many students are using visits to university Open Days and work experience placements to consolidate their ideas. Likewise, some students have secured residential Summer School placements. We are so impressed with the majority of students who have found their own enrichment opportunities including volunteering in care settings, primary schools, legal and finance environments and sport coaching activities.

The new Student Leadership Team have embraced working with staff and students. Their creativity in leading one of the sessions on Induction Day for Year 11 students joining our Sixth Form in September was a great success. They also organised a Sixth Form event in school on Trips Day.

We are very proud of all of our students who have given generously to running clubs, mentoring and actively working alongside staff to benefit younger students. A particular thank you to the Reading Mentors who have given an hour each week to work with Year 7 students, helping them to become more confident in literacy skills.



Year 12 key dates

Every morning

Bespoke VESPA A Level mindset with Form Tutors

6 September 2023

Return to school into Year 13

Year 13 key dates

17 August 2023

A Level results collection
9am B Block Hall

Careers Update

Mrs Bellingham, Careers Adviser

Key Stage 3

- All Year 9 students took part in a Careers in Healthcare day hosted by Medical Mavericks to find out more about Allied Health Professions and participate in fun activities using medical equipment.
- Year 8 students will be taking part in a virtual careers session covering Apprenticeships, Further Education and Higher Education.

Key Stage 4

- Mrs Bellingham will continue to offer help and support to all Year 11 students as required and can be contacted via email or telephone.
- Mrs Bellingham delivered a presentation to all Year 10 students in CPSHE to inform them of career pathways available to them after Year 11 and explain entry requirements and how to apply.
- The Employability Skills Session planned for this month has been rescheduled for the Autumn term.

Key Stage 5

- Year 12 students recently took part in a speed interview workshop to help them to continue to develop their employability skills. They had a one-to-one 15 minute interview with invited visitors and received feedback on their performance. Students had to prepare for this session by learning how to use STAR (Situation, Task, Action, Result) technique to answer competency based interview questions. All students who took part in the session benefitted from the experience and a big thank you to all of our visitors and parents who supported this successful event.
- Year 12 students are continuing to gain live work experience placements following our Meet with Industry and Mock Interview events.
- All Year 12 and 13 students are emailed a careers newsletter every two weeks highlighting live and virtual work experience opportunities, higher and degree Apprenticeship events and invitations to career talks.
- Year 12 and 13 students can book an appointment with Mrs Bellingham if they require careers advice and guidance.

Results collection days

Mrs Bellingham will be available on both A Level and GCSE results day to offer advice and guidance to students as necessary.

Website information

The latest issue of Careermag for parents is on our website in the Careers Section. Get lots of tips for post-16 and 18 options, UCAS application key dates, talking careers with your children and more!

Term dates 2023-2024

Autumn

Tuesday 5 September 2023: Year 7 and 12 students

Wednesday 6 September to Friday 27 October 2023

Half Term

Monday 6 November to Friday 22 December 2023
students finish school at 12.30pm on the last day

Spring

Monday 8 January to Friday 9 February 2024

Half Term

Monday 19 February to Friday 22 March 2024

Summer

Monday 8 April to Friday 24 May 2024

Half Term

Monday 3 June to Friday 19 July 2024

students finish school at 12.30pm on the last day

Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

Friday 1 September 2023

Monday 4 September 2023

Friday 29 September 2023

Friday 17 November 2023

Friday 28 June 2024

Extra curricular activities

Our range of break time and after school clubs can be found on our website under the student section.

Medical appointments

If your child has a dentist or hospital appointment that you are unable to arrange outside of school hours, please inform the school at least 24 hours prior to the appointment. This can be done either by emailing admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk with your request or by sending in a handwritten or typed note for your child to give to their Form Tutor. Whichever method is used, your **request should include your child's name and form group, a copy of the appointment letter, if appropriate, with the day and time you are to collect your child and the person who will collect them.**

Mobile phones

Bishop Ullathorne operates a no mobile phone policy. This is to ensure the safety of our young people and to ensure our staff can teach and support the children without distraction. As a reminder, if a mobile phone is seen or heard in school, it will be confiscated for 24 hours.



If a student needs to call home, they should speak to their pastoral staff who will be able to support them.

Uniform

Blazer and jumper:

A plain black blazer with Bishop Ullathorne badge and a jumper with red v neck.

Shirt:

White, worn with the school clip-on tie.

Trousers:

Tailored black, not skinny or tight fitting.

Skirt:

Tartan knee length.

Shoes:

Smart, sensible and conventional, plain black outdoor shoes. NO TRAINERS.

If you have any spare uniform that is no longer needed, we would be grateful for donations to the school.

Entrance and exit

Students must enter our school site via Gate 2 (the gate by the Drama Studio) and leave school via Gate 1 (the Gatehouse). No student should enter school via Gate 1 and no student should leave school via Gate 2. Staff will be on duty to help students to remember this system to ensure the safety of our students.