



Hello all,

This time last week, our Year 13 students were celebrating their achievements at Bishops' in their Leavers Assembly. Staff and students gathered in the Sixth Form common room to reflect on individual successes, supportive relationships, and exciting futures. A real sense of pride flowed throughout the event, coupled with a sense of hope for the immediate period of exams and a future beyond Bishops'. The theme of farewells is apt, as this week marks the Feast of the Ascension where we remember Jesus ascending into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. For Christians this is a time where we reflect that as Christ left this earth, he passed on the responsibility for us to be his hands, his

feet, his eyes, his ears and to follow in his example of service and love. This message resonates with our Year 13 leavers, as although we are saddened that their time at Bishops' has come to an end, the class of 2023 has left a legacy, and we are hopeful that they will put into practice all they have learned from their journey through Bishops'; making a positive difference to their own lives and to others.



**We wish
you every
success in
your future.**

Set your goals high
and don't stop until you
get them!
Miss Fletcher

Good Luck!
Mrs Boxer x

You've been amazing!
Enjoy the
next part of your
journey
Miss Johnson x

It has been
a pleasure
to be class
Mr Oulton

Keep aiming high and you
will achieve!
All the best for the future,
Mr. Owen

Well done for all your
hard work - it will
be worth it!
Lots of love & luck,
Mrs McManus

Good luck to you
all, whatever your
future path may
be!
Mrs Coroe

What a lovely bunch
of people, all the
best for the future
Mr Bennett

Well done! You're all
brilliant! Good luck with
your future.
Mr Hudson

Good luck to you all!
What an immense year group!
Well done,
Miss Fletcher

Good luck with your future!
It has been an absolute pleasure
watching you grow over the last
two years! Go ahead and be
great in the next phase of
your journey.
All the best, Miss Youdale :)

I want to congratulate them on their approach to their exams this week, along with our Year 11 students who have also completed their first full week of GCSE exams. Our Year 10 students have also undertaken their first GCSE examination in Religious Studies. We are so very proud of all our students' undertaking exams, and it is wonderful to hear that they have started their examination period this

week with dedication, commitment, and hard work. I don't underestimate the efforts undertaken by students and so many will have been nervous as they approached this week. [Exam support for parents](#) has some useful resources to support your child. Please know that tutors and teachers are here to support you and help in any way we can.

Welcome to our New Chaplain

It is my pleasure to introduce our new Chaplain Hana to Bishops' Blue Coat High School. Hana will join us in July. She will also join St Marys' Dodleston and All Saints Higher Kinnerton as their Vicar. Hana has so many creative ideas for Chaplaincy and for partnerships with her parishes and others around Chester that will enhance support for our staff and students.

Hello,

My name is Rev'd Hana

Hello, my name is Rev'd Hana and it is a great joy to welcome you to Bishop's Blue Coat High School. As the new school Chaplain, my role is to support the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of staff, pupils, parents, governors and the community that the school serves. Our school community is brilliantly diverse and represents people of all faiths and none.

We will work together to explore opportunities to worship in different, creative ways and to provide space to learn about the Christian faith. Throughout your time here and beyond our aim is to give you opportunities, support, and guidance to know more of what it means to **"live life and life in all its fullness"** John 10:10



Community behaviours

Over the last couple of weeks there have been news reports highlighting a rise in fights and physical attacks between pupils in school and in the local community. These disturbances are being fuelled by social media, filmed, and shared. It is disappointing to share that over the last few weeks we have also seen an increase in these behaviours at Bishops'. I think it is important to share with you that in some of these cases wider students have known about the plans to harm others because information has been shared online, students have not then shared information with trusted adults, students have gathered around the fight, and some have filmed it.



I have previously led assemblies with students about the importance of treating each other with dignity and respect, being 'upstanders' and encouraging them to share information with parents/carers or trusted adults in school when they fear that they or someone they know might be at risk of harm. I want to applaud students who have done this and thank parents/carers for passing information onto safeguarding teams when they have concerns. When information is known, we can act upon it and this has helped to prevent incidents, restore relationships, and offer support. I am

aware that students might be fearful of sharing information and are at risk of being called a 'grass'. However, information when shared is done so sensitively with this in mind, and the bravery of students sharing information really has made a difference to avert incidents from happening. Students who are directly involved in this behaviour will receive C5 Senior Referrals. This may also be the case for key instigators or bystanders. Students will be spoken to by tutors next week regarding this matter, and I strongly encourage parents/carers to have a dialogue with your children, to encourage them to be 'upstanders' and to pass information onto safeguarding teams. Please also look out for the first of our half termly Safeguarding newsletters from the Safeguarding Team which will be shared next week.

Parent partnership

One of my pledges as Headteacher

Knowing our students, our community, our context and our Christian vision and values.

In gaining a better understanding of our context I am interested in knowing the strengths of our wonderful school, whilst also capturing feedback on what we can do to further improve. Over the last few weeks, I have spent time with staff, met with students in Headteacher's brunches, gathered feedback from form representatives and I am interested in hearing feedback from parents/carers.

This parent feedback form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EY86TmLfT0q6robhjIFAwD9KeRB9XKxNI4GL3QZ4lpZUNVhLNVYzMzE1OTRFSTg5UEtBQjJFSkc2WC4u> will be live until **Wednesday 24th**

May and is opportunity for me to find out your views of Bishops'. As part of this survey, I will be reviewing our Home School Agreement ready for September 2023. I would appreciate if you could feedback in the survey any comments, you feel would help to improve a revised version of this for September 2023.

Click here to view a copy of the current [Home School Agreement](#)



Exciting opportunities



Our very own Warrant Officer Class 2, SSI Greenwood was part of the Coronation Parade in London last week to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Students will be familiar with SSI Greenwood in his army fatigues around school on a Tuesday. We have a large CCF group who meet every Tuesday 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Students can experience military inspired training and leadership to enhance their confidence, teamwork, and communication skills. If students are interested in joining, they can speak with Mr Greenwood at lunch time on the school field.



Sporting successes

A huge congratulations to Year 9 students Raphael Vilches Melson and Zack Warwick who were part of the Chester Schoolboys squad who beat Knowsley & St Helens Schoolboys 2-0 in the U14 Cheshire Alcock Cup final this week. Both boys demonstrated excellent footballing talent but also outstanding attitude and application, representing Bishops' to an exemplary standard and acting as sporting ambassadors and role models.



School Pastors in Bishops'

School Pastors in Bishops' is a project we have been running since Easter with long term partner organisation CSCW.

This has seen a team of trained workers providing a positive presence in our school each lunch time, supporting, and engaging with our students in different areas around the site during recreational time.

The team is overseen by Darren Gerrish from CSCW, a familiar face in our school for many years, and someone who most of our students already know well. Others in his team are also known to students through their involvement in extra-curricular clubs, wellbeing courses and assemblies.



CSCW team from left to right. Emma Roberts (Youth and Theatre Co-ordinator at All Saints, Hoole), Cat Stinson (Youth Worker, St Marks Saltney), Ed Green (Associate Leader of Hoole Baptist Church), Bec Benson (CSCW / RE Teacher at Upton High School), Darren Gerrish (Team Leader CSCW)