



**I am so proud** to share this final newsletter of the term. It celebrates the essence of Bishops' vision and values and is just a snapshot of the contributions and achievements of students, support from committed and passionate staff and a real sense of community.

## Sports Day

Yesterday, the entire school was out on the field, cheering each other on in our Sports Day. It was such a wonderful atmosphere, celebrating not just the winners of events, but supportive relationships and a strong sense of community. Well done to the following forms who came top overall 7C, 8L, 9C and the Sixth Form relay team who were strides ahead in the staff vs Sixth Form relay race.



## The Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are delighted to announce that we will be re-launching the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bishops' from September for interested students in Years 9 and 10! The D of E is an internationally recognised award that is highly valued by employers and educators, and which involves young people helping their community, becoming fitter, developing new skills, and planning, training for and completing expeditions. D of E students develop essential skills for life and work such as teamwork, communication, self-esteem, confidence, problem-solving and resilience. Gaining the award at any level significantly enhances CVs and university and job applications.



More information will follow in the new school year, but you can start thinking about this now and finding out more about what the D of E involves by checking out their website and the video link below.  
<https://www.dofe.org/do/basicinformation> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuZMfKbMW6M>

## Follow the **Yellow Brick Road** - the Westend comes to Bishops'

The cast of The Wizard of Oz have mesmerised audiences exceeding 1000 this week, leading them to the Emerald City with passion, enthusiasm, humour, and talent. It is not an easy feat to put together a school musical, and the countless hours of rehearsals, memorisation, and fine-tuning certainly paid off. Well done to our cast from Year 7 – 12, and Toto.

Our vision talks about growing to *be the best version of yourself* and *flourishing*. The cast of the Wizard of Oz have certainly brought this vision to life. This was more than a school production – the joy on the stage, the memories made along the way and the friendships made, shone through outstanding performances.

# Well Done Everyone!!

## The Cast

**Kacey Stening** – Dorothy

**Amber Mansell** – The Witch

**Joe Johnson** – Scarecrow/Hunk

**Harry Lilley** – Tinman/ Hickory

**Gregory Black** – Lion/Zeke

**Imogen Baines** – Glinda

**Scarlett Pinder** – Glinda

**Alexander Weigh** – Prof/Oz

**Isobel Samuels** – Aunt Em

**Ryan Moynihan** – Uncle Henry/ Guard

**Logan Jones** – Voice of Oz

## Ensemble Cast

Cerys Croft

Olivia Holroyd

Anna Davies

Thomas Harling

Sammi Gray

Jacob Collinson

Eliana Leyden

Kimberley Moynihan

Evie Nixon

Amelie McAllister

Chloe Greenhalgh

Isabella Smith

## Stage Crew

Sophie Parry

Emily Clarke

Ruby Roberts-Nightingale





## Painting the Prayer Space

Our new Chaplain, Revd Hana Amner and a group of students have been busy bringing colour to the Prayer Space. Students were invited to reflect on our school vision and consider images and words that link to this. The space oozes spirituality and our vision shines brightly from the walls. I can't wait to see the finished version in September.



## Archbishop of York Young Leader's Award



THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK  
YOUTH TRUST  
*Be the Change you want to see*

This year, Year 7 have been completing the Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award. This leadership and character education programme supports students to become confident and resilient leaders, who develop a growth mindset, become independent thinkers and good communicators, who have

compassion, and who care for their communities. Students have been empowered to 'be the change you want to see', acting and serving others in their community through different challenges.

This year, students completed projects individually in the community and as teams. At our Open Morning for prospective Year 5 students, our Year 7 students shone as guides, with parents and Year 5 students commenting on how wonderful they were, talking so eloquently about their experiences at Bishops' and reassuring our young visitors about life in secondary school. They have also been out and about in the local community as part of their Personal Development Day. The group below braved the rain and completed a community litter pick around Huntington.



Students have also been raising awareness for charities and important causes as part of the award see below some examples of the extraordinary fundraising efforts Year 7 have done!



## Erin's Cycling Challenge for Charity

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July Erin Cross Y7 has been cycling at least 1 hour a day to raise money. Erin has smashed her goal of raising £200 and raised an astonishing £1152 for The Joshua Tree. A Cheshire based children's Cancer Charity who work closely with families affected by childhood cancers.



SUPPORTING FAMILIES AFFECTED  
BY CHILDHOOD CANCERS



## Harry Cycles for the Hospice!

Harry Fox-Pritchard Y7 has also been on his bike, completing a 10-mile bike ride in memory of his grandad, raising money for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd to say thank you for their kindness and care. Harry raised an amazing £850!

## Connie's Race for Life

Congratulations to Connie Tooke Y7 for completing the Race for Life (raising over £350), then organising a coffee and cake afternoon to raise money for cancer charities.



## Bella's Cake Sale for the Koala Charity



Congratulations to Bella Myers (7S) whose recent cake sale raised a whopping £165 for the KOALA Charity. KOALA exists to provide children and their families with tailored practical and emotional support that improves wellbeing, reduces isolation, and supports both children and caregivers to thrive. Bella's stall was spotted by a local Primary School Headteacher who wrote to the school and said: -

*"I just wanted to let your team know that a student in Year 7 (Bella) was so inspired by RS homework set recently that she, along with her mum and younger sister, set up a charity fundraising stall outside the Co-op in Kingsway raising money for KOALA. As a local primary Headteacher, it was so lovely to see a student flourishing under your care. Not one of ours, but just knowing how inspired she has been, and her family, I am sure you are equally inspiring our children in your care. Congratulations to you RS team and to the school as a whole".*



## British Champion and British Medallist.

Congratulations to Joe Caddy in Year 9, who competed in the UK Open Taekwondo Championships winning a gold, two silvers and bronze. Joe competed in 4 categories and did brilliantly in a very tough competition. This makes Joe a British Champion and British Medallist.

## Silver medal for England

Congratulations to Jess in Year 8, representing England at the Kent International Judo Competition. Jess secured silver in the under 48kg category.



## The Diana Award



Ten students from the Bishops' Diversity Group were recently invited to London to give a presentation at the annual Diana Awards Respect Showcase. They were praised for the confident, passionate, and inspiring presentation that they gave to showcase the celebratory and awareness-raising work that they have done for all the different cultures represented at Bishops'. This work included our highly successful Culture Week and our World Refugee Week, celebrations that took place between May and June, as well as our recent re-launch of our LGBTQ+ Pride Group. Since receiving their anti-racism ambassador training in February, the Diversity Group have had a huge impact at Bishops', helping us grow into a tolerant, compassionate, and inclusive community that has kindness at its heart. Jesus promised to bring us 'life in all its fullness' and we are striving at Bishops' to create the kind of community where everyone can feel respected, loved, and accepted and therefore able to experience this fullness of life. Watch this space as we put our application in for our Respect Badge from the Diana Award!



*Bishops' Students Presenting*



*All the Students and Dignitaries at the Diana Awards 'Respect' Showcase*

## Liverpool Visit – Year 8



What a fantastic day Year 8 had in Liverpool. The sun was not shining but this didn't dampen our enthusiasm. We were able to visit Liverpool's International Slavery Museum which also houses exhibitions on WW2 at sea and the Titanic. The students were able to see artefacts we have discussed in lessons and revisit the important topic of the International Slave Trade. The exhibition also asks questions about the modern world and reinforces our school values of dignity and respect. Each group also got the opportunity to visit the Walker Art Gallery which houses various pieces of art ranging from 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century to modern day. Students enjoyed looking at and discussing these pieces and interacting with the displays. We had a wonderful time, and the students were brilliant.



## Sick to Death Visit – Year 10 History



We were able to offer a brilliant experience to all GCSE History students again this year and support our local museum. After a short, and reasonably dry walk into Chester, nearly 90 students learnt about

Health and the People in Chester and Britain. Students enjoyed the interactive museum experience, learning about the dirty past and the advancement over time. Outside we were able to hear about health in Chester from the Roman era through to the 1900s slum clearance and development of public health.

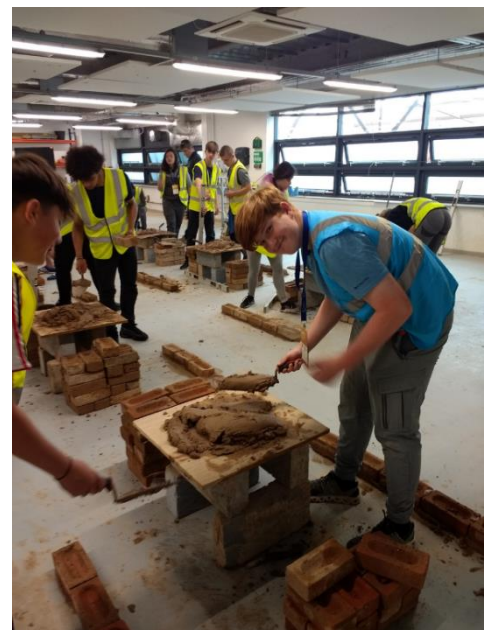
## Year 9 Trip to Chester University

The Year 9's went to Chester university for an end of term trip. They learnt about university life, had a campus tour, and connected different careers to skills and pathways.



## Year 10 Trip to Cheshire College

The Year 10 students went on a trip to Cheshire college. Here they tried different courses from Construction to Hair and Beauty. They were a credit to the school.



## CCF Summer Camp 2023

Our Combined Cadet Force spent a week on camp completing a range of activities including adventure training such as abseiling, rock climbing, scrambling and walking/map reading. For two days cadets completed field craft, setting up a harbour area for sleeping and cooking rations from ration packs, and learning how to carry out section attacks. Our cadets were amazing in some tough weather conditions and returned to camp very tired and soggy after a night of rain. A day was spent using paintball guns to shoot enemy targets with the scenario given to clear buildings of weapons and hostages. They also did brilliantly at the range with many of cadets winning awards for their target shooting.



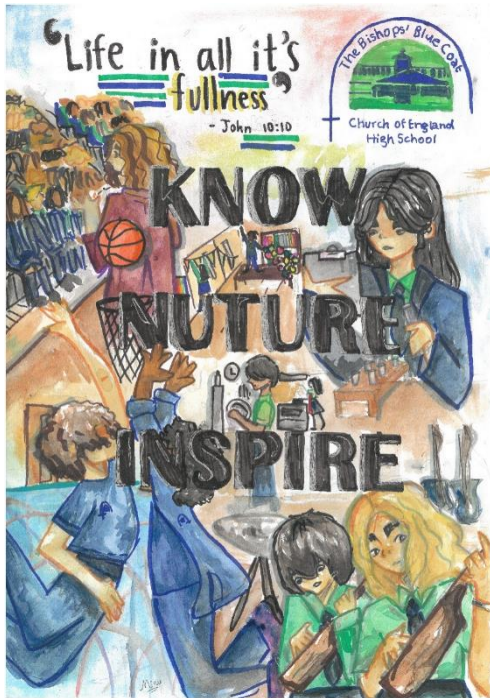


## Creative Competition Winners!

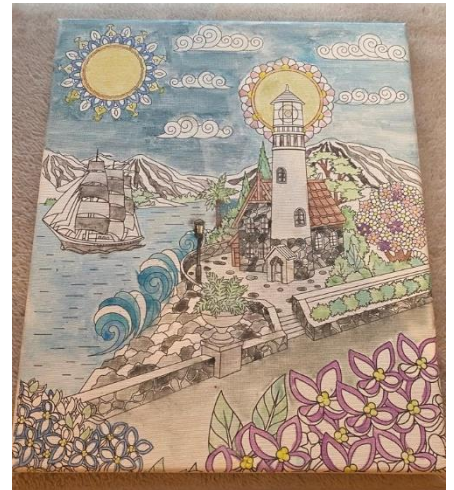
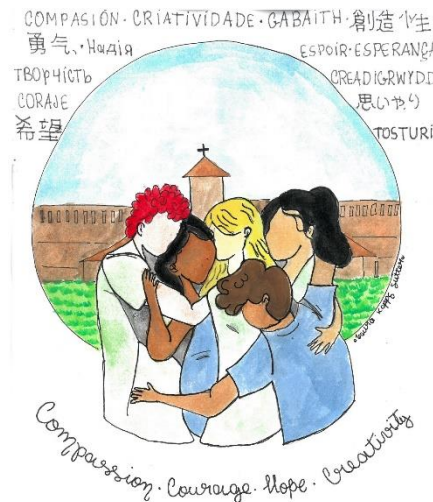
Thank you to all the creative minds who participated in our Creative Competition! We were thrilled to receive such an impressive array of entries that showcased your talent and passion and illustrated our vision so well. It was a tough decision-making process but we are pleased to announce the following winners. Certificates and prizes will be heading your way very soon. Your artwork will also be printed and celebrated around the school.

### KS3 Category

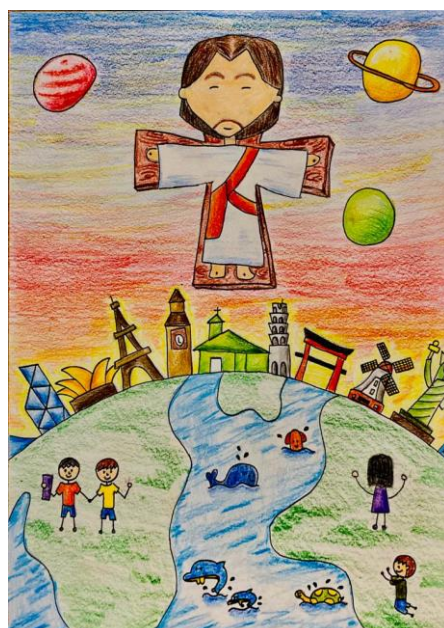
**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Minuli Neelawathura**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Laura Kapps Sutter & Maisie Paterson**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Able Ng Huen Lam**





## KS4/KS5 Category

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Norah Walthery- Radulescu



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Oscar Lilley



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sophie Parry



## Adult Category

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Miu Wah Cheng



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Clare Berry



## Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Lisa Mooney & Teresa Cunningham



So, the end of term, and the end of my first term as Headteacher of our wonderful school. There is so much to look forward to in September. I look forward to celebrating examination successes over the summer and sharing these with you in September. Year Leaders shared a letter earlier this week to support you being September ready, please do have a read of this. I want to take this opportunity to thank all staff at Bishops', for their commitment and vocation in what has been a challenging year in education. Thank you to parents/carers for your partnership. And thank you to the students for shining so brightly.

Wishing you a safe, sunshine filled summer.

**Helen Cairns**

Headteacher

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:  
The LORD make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace.

**Numbers 6:24-26**

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