

BHBS Term Times

Spring 2019

A Vibrant Christian Learning Community

As I start to plan ahead following my recent appointment for our future aspirations at Bishop's, this week we started planning the vision and what it will look like with staff and the support of our Chaplain, Rev Rachel Robertson from St Paul's Church. This really important process must capture the views from everyone in our school community. The planning activity worked on with staff will be carried out with all students through forms and the student council and parents/carers at the next Parent Forum meeting.

To raise awareness of our school values and draw everybody in school closer together through them, a Bishop's community charter has been created. This has been an exciting experience and is the outcome of the work of our recently formed 'Action for Change' group of students. The group have met once a week since the Autumn term and is facilitated by Mrs Barker the Head of Ethics. It has also been supported at different times by a number of people including Mrs Jinks one of our governors and visitors from other external organisations. There will be a copy of the charter in every form room signed by the students and one signed by staff in reception. A copy will also be posted on the school website. Soon after half term, students from the Action for Change group will be meeting with representatives from the Department for Education, I will update you on this in the next "Term Times".

We have been busy continuing the restructuring of our senior leadership team and are pleased to announce the new appointments of Mr Owen Collingbourne, who will be joining us after Easter from Droitwich Spa High School as an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Curriculum Provision and Timetable and Mr Nick Vaughan as our SENCo who has been acting in this role since September.

To develop learning by setting high aspirations in how students challenge themselves through a higher level of thinking and participation, we have focused on a 'growth mindset' in our staff training. Last week we spent a day with Tim Perris from 'Imagine Schools' to look at building self-esteem and confidence in students when embracing new challenges. This is an exciting aspect of learning which will have a positive impact on student success.

This term has also been busy with Pathways evening for Year 9 students and Parents/Carers to help with the decision making when choosing which subjects to take forward into KS4. The evening was really well attended and supported by Hereford Sixth Form College, Hereford College of Arts and Hereford and Ludlow College. Bishop's Guitar Army recently supported the Herefordshire Music conference, supported by Mr Sutton and made a great impact drawing very positive reviews and high praise from delegates. Our U16 and U14 Girls' Netball Teams have gone through the National league in Basketball and our Year 7 girls won Gold in the Pentathlon at the School Winter Games. Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 participated in the Maths Challenge and we look forward to receiving their results.

Year 11 students are now busy starting with preparations for the summer exams. We are supporting them with a full range of subject revision plus exam strategies through the company Elevate and form time materials which are all available on the school website.

Martin Denton

Please have a safe and restful half term break.



Charity/PSFA News

The Charity / PSFA Committee have two exciting events coming up in support of the schools chosen Charities:

The Little Princess Trust and Children with Cancer UK and would be delighted with your support.

Saturday 15th June – Fun Run

All welcome (approximately 5K). Entry fee: £5 adults and £2.50 children

Saturday 22nd June – Charity Golf Day

£120 per team of four – male, female or mixed (To include round of golf + carvery).

- If you would like to enter either of the above events or know of anyone who might like to sponsor a hole on the Charity Golf Day for a donation
- towards the Charities then please let Jane Browne know (Tel: 01432 34750)

Student News

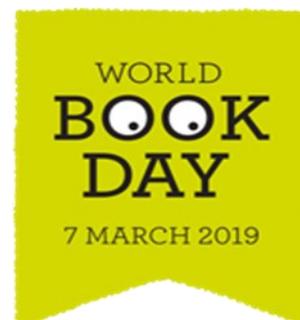
Taekwondo Success

Harvey Powell LLT. He has passed his black belt in Taekwondo and is through to the Euros in Italy in April representing England in the minus 55 kilos class.

Extra Curricular News

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day a day early this year on **Wednesday 6th March**. Students and staff are invited to dress up as a character from a book or to wear something 'book' themed. Students pay £1 to also raise money for a portable defibrillator to take on trips and a local charity which provides support to victims of abuse in our area.



Half term trips abroad

We have two trips going from school during the half term week - a ski trip to Alpendorf, Austria and a trip to Berlin.

● The students on the ski trip will be skiing, snowboarding, sledging, bowling and shopping—A truly action packed week!

● Our Berlin trip students will visit a vibrant city, learning about its fascinating history and visiting many sites of interest.

● We wish our staff and students 'Bon Voyage' and look forward to hearing all about their visits when they return.

Forthcoming Events

6th March 2019 - World Book Day & Non-Uniform Day

7th March 2019 - Year 10 Mock Interviews

ENGLISH NEWS

On the 31st of January the English department ran a hugely successful trip to see the Willy Russell's famous 'Blood Brothers' at Malvern Festival Theatre. There were over 170 students and staff on the trip, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. The play is studied for both GCSE English Literature and GCSE Drama; providing the opportunity for so many of our students to see it brought to life was brilliant. The behaviour of our students was impeccable and we were commended by several members of the public on this; they were an absolute credit to us.

In other news...

- A huge congratulations and thank you to all of our blog contributors this term. The Big Blog Theory has a new theme for this month: Gaming. Whether you're mad for Mario, a Sonic Superfan, or you're a FIFA fanatic - we want to hear from you. This time we can accept collaborations and team efforts. So grab your gaming friends and get writing! There is a chocolately prize up for grabs for our favourite entry from each year group; see the blog for more details.

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

Students are being challenged to consider some very complex issues in Ethics. We've enjoyed some healthy debate and discussion through the work being explored. Year 7 have considered the character of Jesus. They have been evaluating how Jesus led others. Year 8 have been exploring key ideas linked to peace and conflict including forgiveness. Year 9 have nearly completed the first GCSE topic which was all about Christian Beliefs. Our next topic in Year 9 is Muslim Beliefs. Year 10 and 11 have completed their Muslim Practices topic. Year 10 have also been completing forms to prepare for mock interviews.

All students in years 9-11 should now be able to log on to Dynamic Learning. They need their school e-mail address and the centre number which is 32954. If they continue to experience issues please do get in touch. Thank you to all parents and carers who have followed the Ethics team on Twitter. If you haven't yet done this you can find us by using @EthicsBHBS.

Skills for life

A huge thank you to Sustrans for their work with Year 8 on repairing punctures. It has been really encouraging that students seem to have a great deal of knowledge about their bikes and watching them work in teams to fix punctures was very enjoyable. We would also like to thank the Police for their visits to our Year 8 students. They have been delivering a session to Year 8 on crime and careers in the Police.

After half term students in Years 8 and 9 will watch a performance by Sody who will give advice on how to stay safe as well as discussing cyber bullying and where to go for help. She will also discuss her own personal stories when she was affected by cyber bullying, how she felt at the time, how she reacted, and the outcome of the situation. On top of this, she will discuss mental health, the causes of mental health problems, a time she has had his own mental health issues, who to ask for help and how to do it, and the importance of speaking up. The talk is very interactive and gets the students involved.

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

Debating Society

We are meeting every Tuesday lunchtime in the library. Please do come along if you would like to try it out. We've had some really fun debates including:

'This house believes there should be a second referendum before we finally Brexit'

'This house believes social media companies should do more to protect young people from harm'

Thank you to all the students who continue to involve themselves in this.

Mock Trial

We enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Justice Centre in Hereford. Students watched four cases and had the opportunity to speak to Magistrates and Lawyers about the work they do and matters associated with Law. We will be participating in the Mock Trial competition on the 9th March 2019. Wish us luck. The team have worked incredibly hard and will no doubt gain a great deal from this challenging, exciting experience. Thank you to the staff at the Justice centre for making us feel so welcome. A highlight was seeing the team take their places in the courtroom. It was a wonderful opportunity and they really enjoyed their day.

Action for Change

The students have been in the process of delivering the new Student Charter to all members of the school community. This is a direct result of their hard work and effort. Thank you to the students for their input and wonderful ideas. This term they have been working on the Sex and Relationships policy. They are in the process of making amendments to the policy getting it ready for presentation to the Senior Leadership team. It is vital we have the voices of our students on the policies that impact on their lives.

Music and Drama

After December's highly successful Carol Service in Hereford Cathedral our Music Department return with their latest public event- A Evening of Dance, on Tuesday 5th March, at 7pm in the Main Hall.

Focusing on Music that has been used for dance across cultures and ages, it promises to be a lively and entertaining event with a few surprises up it's sleeve. Tickets are available on the door, £5 for adults, children £3 and a family ticket is £11. Please join us for this special event!

The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School
Music Department

Tuesday
5th MARCH



BHBS MAIN HALL 7-9pm

Adults £5 Children £3 Family Ticket £11

SCHOOL SHOP

The school shop will be open Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime (1.15pm-2.00pm) and after school on Thursday 3.20pm-4.00pm

Sickness Virus

It is our school policy that in order to prevent the spread of sickness bugs, children should remain at home until they have been clear of ALL symptoms for 48 hours. Please help us to stop the spread of this infection by not sending students back too soon.

Thank you



Should your son or daughter require a lift key for medical reasons, we require a letter confirming the reason why and a £10 deposit which will be refunded when the key is returned.

We have been asked by local residents to ensure parents/ carers do not park across driveways when dropping off or collecting students.

