

Bishop Wordsworth's School

**PRIZE GIVING**

Guest of Honour

**Detective Chief Inspector Tom Herbert**

Thursday 21 September 2023

3.30pm

## Head Master's Introduction to BWS Prize Giving 2023

The appointment of a second Deputy Head from the start of the last academic year was an event of significance for the school. Our demographic growth since 2017 meant that there was a need for additional capacity at the top, and it was also evident that some of our systems for monitoring and evaluation within the institution were at their limit. We needed to have a fresh pair of eyes and some creativity, together with an objective view of what improvements were needed to help ensure that our pastoral systems were up to the job in a school that is much bigger. Jemima Edney has provided us with all of that and more, and our ways of working have evolved as a consequence. If external validation of our working arrangements were needed then this was provided by the inspection team which was with us for two days in November 2022. The outcome was very pleasing – Grade 1 across the board – but I was probably more delighted still with the tsunami of positivity that flowed in from parents from across the full age range, on both Parent View and via email. All too often teachers labour in the shadows with feedback arriving where there is a problem or something has not worked. The OFSTED visit released the flood gates on all of that appreciation that was in the background, and I could see the staff collectively standing taller as a result.

Our priorities during the past year were mostly pastorally focused, enabling us to strengthen provision, build capacity and ensure that systems are robust. We successfully gained just under £1 million from central government for a new building, and purchased the freehold of the Bishopgate Site to enable this to happen; as I write planning permission has yet to be obtained, but when the new building happens it will make a significant difference to school operation. We also took a radical look at the way in which corporate risk is monitored and mitigated across the full breadth of the school, with the aim of matching good business practice found in the private sector. This work has involved all of the staff and the governors and will involve students in due course too. Underpinning all of this was the continuing focus on academic standards and also encouraging social mobility – the latter resulted in our students travelling out to work with younger pupils in a number of city junior schools on a weekly basis.

History will picture 2022-2023 as a year where there was an unusual degree of turbulence in staffing, but though the number of leavers was far greater than in the last few years there is no clear pattern in motivation or driving force that I can discern. I guess that the aftermath of the pandemic may play a part here, as much of domestic life had to be put on hold for months (if not years) during the preceding period meaning that when decisions were finally made they would have an impact in the year past. Such reasoning would apply to relocations and possibly promotions too, but there are also retirements (usually long planned) to add in to the mix. The net result is quite a change in the faces and personalities in the staff team. Leaving BWS after 25 years of sterling service, most recently as Assistant Head and Timetabler will be Andy Harmsworth. Mel Gordon will be departing for pastures new after two decades of directing play productions here. The Modern Languages Department sees quite a bit of change with Jo Campling, Alexa Bellingham and Inma Gea-Neff all relocating away from Salisbury, and Nicola Brown will retire from the Maths Department this August. Gail Walster will leave the English Department, Gabriella Burchell has been promoted elsewhere and Paul Brook departs DT taking his wonderful collection of classic vehicles with him! Nicky Cook leaves the Science Department for retirement, and also both Alex Mihai and Lucinda Kimberley will be going this summer. Yvette Quirk (Science Technician) leaves BWS at the end of the summer term, and of course we say a fond goodbye to our latest crop of Graduate/Gap Year Assistants, Lily Harffey, Isaac Taylor-Holland, Callum Kealey and Tom Reeve. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all of my colleagues for the work that they have put in over the year, and we wish all of our leavers the very best of luck for the future.

By the time that the next Speech Day trundles into view change will be in the air. The ceremony in Autumn 2024 will be led by my successor, and also a general election will probably be close. Bishop's is in a position of immense strength, pupil numbers are buoyant, results and university entrance are strong and the inspection outcomes second to none. In short the school continues to offer what Bishop John always intended – an exceptional education right at the very heart of Salisbury, to prepare young men and women to make extraordinary contributions to the society of the future. That mission continues.

**Dr S D Smallwood**  
**Head Master, Bishop Wordsworth's School**



Joe French – Year 13



Ryan Stockton – Year 11

## **Introduction from the Chair of Governors**

I am delighted to welcome you all to the Bishop Wordsworth's Grammar School Prize Giving of 2023.

It's been another busy academic year and we have much to celebrate.

OFSTED have confirmed what we already know. Bishop's is an excellent school; offering a high quality curriculum, a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities, and caring staff who ensure that the well-being of our students is supported.

As always, there are many people to thank, and this year is no exception. The students have worked really hard, and the prizes that we will be giving out this afternoon reflect this. Good luck to those students who have left Bishop's this year - enjoy your studies, work or travel. Welcome to those students who are new to Bishop's. We hope that you will be very happy here.

We are grateful to the parents and guardians who ensure that the students come to school, work hard and get actively involved in the many activities that are offered. Thank you volunteers for your support, the fundraising you do and the time that you give in so many ways. Thank you governors for giving your time to help ensure that the governance runs smoothly.

Last but not least, we thank the teaching and support staff for their enthusiasm, drive and dedication. The students at Bishop's are very lucky to be supported by you. You inspire them, you motivate them and encourage them to do their best.

**Mrs Rebecca Harwood Lincoln**  
**Chair of Governors, Bishop Wordsworth's School**

## **Reflection from the School Chaplain**

Prizegiving is traditionally a time for speeches. Speeches from a returning Old Wordsworthian, the Chair of Governors, the Head Master, the Head Boy and Head Girl. Each crafts what they will say carefully, with freedom to choose the content.

Freedom of speech is a live issue, not just in our country but across the globe. We meet this afternoon in the Cathedral which houses a copy of the Magna Carta, the founding document and symbol of many of the liberties we take for granted. An exhibition, 'To be free' has attracted visitors all through the summer. Freedom matters here.

We cherish freedom at school as well; it is a bedrock of education as we explore academic disciplines, discovering new ideas and fresh challenges. We are fiercely – and rightly – defensive of freedom as our right. Yet such rights bring with them responsibilities: we have 'freedom *from*' in order to have 'freedom *for*' and this must be an essential dynamic at Bishop's. Having freedom is an invitation to make a difference. Freedom cannot be a selfish endeavour, but one which connects us to the wider needs of humanity. As the Book of Common Prayer sublimely puts it, service of others is 'perfect freedom'. Long may that remain at Bishop Wordsworth's.

**Revd Canon Dr Stella Wood**  
**Chaplain, Bishop Wordsworth's School**



## **TOM HERBERT**

Tom attended BWS from 1994 to 2001, later attending Cardiff University to study Biotechnology with a placement year at Porton Down. Throughout education, the study of science was always complemented by sport, mainly rugby, developing Tom's determination and leadership. Tom's university course was bookended by a gap year project in Tanzania with TradeAid UK and then a ski season in Austria and travelling in South America. Tom joined the police after two years working for a bio technology company in Cambridge, recognising that a career in policing would provide the variety and challenge he craved.

Tom started his policing career in Cambridgeshire and after qualifying as a detective, transferred to Avon and Somerset where he continued his study with Warwick Business School, achieving a MSc in Leadership and Management. Tom is now a Detective Chief Inspector, leading the Somerset Criminal Investigation Department, investigating serious and complex crime. Tom has held positions in the uniform and detective roles at every rank, leading teams during the Bristol riots as a Public Order Commander, Senior Investigating Officer during covert and overt investigations and developing innovative policing capabilities in the use of drone technology. Tom's biggest challenge so far was being the tactical lead for the police response to Covid in force during the pandemic.

Tom lives with his wife and two children at the foot of the Mendip Hills in Somerset, making the most of his environment and keeping fit by running ultra marathons and triathlons.

## **P R O G R A M M E**

**Welcome and opening prayer by the School Chaplain**  
*Reverend Canon Dr Stella Wood*

**Musical Interlude**  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, from Requiem – Antonio Vivaldi  
*The BWS Choir*

**Introduction by the Chair of Governors**  
*Mrs Rebecca Harwood Lincoln*

**Musical Interlude**  
Chanson de Matin Op. 15, No. 2 – Edward Elgar  
*Soloist – Benjamin Tayler, Violin*  
*Accompanied by the BWS Orchestra*

**The Head Master's Report**  
*Dr Stuart Smallwood*

**Musical Interlude**  
Psalm 148 – Gustav Holst  
*The BWS Choir*

**Guest of Honour's Address**  
*Detective Chief Inspector Tom Herbert*

**Vote of thanks by the Head Boy and Head Girl to the Guest of Honour**  
*Youssef Elmorsy and Poppy Freer*

*Please stand for The National Anthem and remain standing as the platform  
party leaves*

*Our thanks to David Halls, Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral for playing the organ  
this afternoon*

## PRIZE LIST

OLD WORDSWORTHIAN'S ASSOCIATION PRIZE	Reuben Cordina	Head Boy
OLD WORDSWORTHIAN'S ASSOCIATION PRIZE	Savannah Jamieson	Head Girl
OLD WORDSWORTHIAN'S ASSOCIATION PRIZE	Jack Rodriguez	Deputy Head Boy
OLD WORDSWORTHIAN'S ASSOCIATION PRIZE	Erin Sanders	Deputy Head Girl
OLD WORDSWORTHIAN'S ASSOCIATION PRIZE	Toby Runyard	Cathedral Prefect
BWSPA SIXTH FORM PRIZE	Jacob Simmonds	Economics
BWSPA SIXTH FORM PRIZE	Toby Runyard	English Literature
BWSPA SIXTH FORM PRIZE	Max Day	Mathematics
BWSPA SIXTH FORM PRIZE	Callum Young	Spanish
SIXTH FORM CARPENTER PRIZES	Bronwen Josty Tom Duffield	History History Essay
SIXTH FORM PRIZES	Louis Josa	Contribution to Drama
	Emily Warren	Year 12 Mathematics
	Samuel Howard	Classical Civilisation
	Amelia Bonner	Geography
	Alex Chatwin	Music
	Karis McIntyre	Politics
	Brian Jones	Business Studies
SIXTH FORM SCIENCE PRIZES	George Gande	Chemistry
	Joe Parker	Physics
	Tom Duffield	Psychology
THE A LEVEL SCIENCES PRIZE	Tom James	Endeavour in A Level Science
MULLINS LECTURE PRIZE	Rowan Roberts	History
THE HILARY TAYLOR PRIZE	Edward Pinnock	For outstanding achievement in English
THE NICHOLAS BRADISH PRIZE	Jonathan Samuel	Medicine
THE TODD BURROWS PRIZE	Joseph Pratt	Endeavour in Science
THE DR ROGER SHERWOOD PRIZE	Yousuf Qureshi	Bioscience
JARVIS YEAR 11 GCSE PRIZE	Matthew Alderman	Science
JARVIS YEAR 11 GCSE PRIZE	Matthew Alderman	Mathematics
THE CHRISTOPHER BULLEN CUP	Shreesaya Jha	Achievement in the Junior Maths Challenge
THE SIXTH FORM PRIZE FOR EPQ	Molly Madzarevic	Extended Project Qualification Award
THE MAGNUS CUP	Edward Pinnock and Tom James	A Level Latin
THE ART PRIZE	Samson Allen	A Level Art



THE ART PRIZE	Ollie Groth	GCSE Art
THE ART PRIZE	Ravija Kohomban	Lower School Art
THE JOE PERRETT SHIELD	Dan Bazen	Football
1 <sup>ST</sup> XI OLD BOYS AWARD	Alfred Moore Binam Yakha	Outstanding contribution to Football
THE RORY WALWORTH CUP	Dylan Hansen	Rugby
THE SAM BEATTIE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZE	Harry Shardlow	Sport
THE R GILLO PRIZE	Jamie Duckett	Athletics
THE R GILLO PRIZE	Joe Patience	Sport
RUGBY AWARD	Sophie Cowey	Rugby
TEAM BWS VALUES PRIZE	Poppy Egerton	Sport
THE ARTHUR BOWDEN RUGBY AWARD	Finn Reavill	For the most improved player
THE CAPTAINS AWARD	Henry Fell	Rugby
THE MILLENNIUM PRIZE	Liam Childers	Improvement
THE JAMES VAUGHAN PRIZE	Conor O'Malley	For an outstanding contribution to BWS
BWSPA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD	Millie Ewen Benns	For a significant contribution to the community
THE ERIN GRACE LAUDER AWARD	Brian Jones	For contribution to the life of the Sixth Form
THE WORT PRIZE	Joe Parker	Music
THE RORY WATERS PRIZE	Rosie Woodhouse	Singing
THE BISHOPGATE PRIZE	Monty Clark	For outstanding musical achievement
THE FLYNN SIXTH FORM PRIZE	Jonty Sinclair	Good Manners
THE FLYNN YOUNG ENTERPRISE PRIZE	Oscar Reeves	Young Entrepreneur of the Year
THE PERSONAL COURAGE PRIZE	Phoebe Hunnibell	For overcoming adversity
THE ESU PRIZE	Brian Jones	Debating
THE ESU PRIZE	Toby Runyard	Public Speaking
THE TOM SHEARER AWARD	Georgina Taylor	Duke of Edinburgh Award
THE HAPPOLD PRIZE	Jacob Simmonds	Performing Arts
THE ARTHUR MAIDMENT PRIZE	Reuben Cordina	Community Service
THE AUSTIN UNDERWOOD PRIZE	Tabitha Cox	Community Service
THE GCSE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY	Lucas Meaden	Geography
THE GCSE PRIZE FOR TECHNOLOGY	Reuben Caddy Mohib Murtaza	Design Technology
KS3 LANGUAGE PRIZE	Josiah Evans	German
KS3 LANGUAGE PRIZE	Noureldeen Swelam	Spanish
YEAR 11 GCSE PRIZE	Reuben Wood	German

YEAR 11 GCSE PRIZE	Oscar Reeves	Spanish
YEAR 11 GCSE PRIZE	Joseph Pratt	Latin
A LEVEL LANGUAGE PRIZE	Jack Phillips	German
THE ARTHUR BOWDEN PRIZE	Alexander Bridgett	Languages
THE SALISBURY SAINTES TWINNING ASSOCIATION PRIZES	Martha Pearce Joseph Pratt	A Level French GCSE French
THE PAM ERRINGTON PRIZE	Eve Bluffield	Religious Studies
YEAR 11 GCSE PRIZE	Joe Bailey	Religious Studies
THE DON STOBBS PRIZE (Sixth Form)	Jude Murray	Discretionary Award
THE DAVID TOMLINSON PRIZE (Middle School)	Henry Roberts	Discretionary Award
THE LOWER SCHOOL PRIZE	Leonardo Filippi	Discretionary Award

The Lower School House Cup is presented to Noah Easton on behalf of 8W.

The Sam Beattie House Cup is this year presented to Alex Moodley and Daisy Badger (Ward House Captains 2022-23) and Patrick Dulong and Anna Hayakawa (Ward House Captains 2023-24) on behalf of Ward House.

## FORM PRIZES Years 7 to 11

(The first prize listed is for Achievement, the second for Endeavour)

11J	Matthew Alderman Wilf Hillier	11M	Henry Roberts Oliver Love
11O	Lucas Meaden Aiden Hardy	11P	Shivam Padiyar Ethan Kelly
11W	Christopher Kalapura Thomas Peters	10J	Freddie Davies Alex Evans
10M	Arnav Bhandari Andrew Stewart	10O	Lucas Snow Lewis Adams
10P	James Jobbings Toby Froud	10W	Luke Caro Ben Dennis
9J	Eddie Zhang Hans Cornelius	9M	Jack Lee Josiah Evans
9O	Jacob Earle Edward Fisher	9P	Charles Anns Jasper Hill
9W	Finn Reeves Euan Gough	8J	Shiven Kumar Sam Waters
8M	Leo Newman Henry Knights	8O	Carter Cox Brian Edward-Okosun
8P	Harry Smith Leonardo Filippi	8W	Pregam Rai Shub Dhillon
7J	Sharv Sinha Emmanuel Ntim		<i>St Mary's Catholic Primary School Portswood Primary School</i>
7M	Muaz Tehami Miles Lashbrooke		<i>Hiltingbury Junior School Gomeldon Primary School</i>
7O	Leo Emery Henry Rigby		<i>Downton Primary School Figheldean St Michael's Primary</i>
7P	Harry Bridgewater Oliver Brown		<i>Motcombe CofE Primary School St Peter's CofE Primary Academy</i>
7W	Ravija Kohomban Sebastian Norman		<i>St Peter's CofE Primary Academy Winterbourne Earls CofE Primary</i>

## SENIOR PREFECTS AND PREFECTS 2023–2024

Head Boy and Head Girl	Youssef Elmorsy and Poppy Freer
Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl	Theon Evans and Nicole Wynn
Cathedral and Close Prefects	Daniel Harpwood and Olivia Wordley
House Captains – J House	Will Pischel and Millie Gurney
House Captains – M House	Otto Jenner and Edward Klein
House Captains – O House	Alex Facey and Matilda Jeffery
House Captains – P House	Will Durrant and Victoria Herbert
House Captains – W House	Patrick Dulog and Anna Hayakawa
Dining Hall Lead Prefect	Aayan Riaz
Dining Hall Prefects	Jules Dunford-Frost, Sophie Abbott, Tom Wood, Tom Gilson
School Council Lead – Lower	Ben Phillimore
School Council Lead – Middle	Luke Payne
School Council Lead – Sixth	Yingying Zhao
Lead Chapel Prefect	Robert Richards
Senior Library Prefect	Timothy Blackburn
Chair of Charity Committee & Head of Student Representation	Homam Khasreen
Societies Prefect	Oscar Gale
Committees Prefect	Gianpiero Greatorex
Wordsworth Editor	Devon Batho
House Prefects – J House (Lower)	Benedict Davies, Denise Grzymkowska, Lucy Ventham, Selwyn Rai
House Prefects – J House (Middle)	Mali Jones, Sean Baird
House Prefects – J House (Sixth)	Jago King, Tayla Robson
House Prefects – M House (Lower)	Ben Smith, Jack Jones, William Self
House Prefects – M House (Middle)	Joe Patience, Toma Howarth-Jones
House Prefects – M House (Sixth)	Grace McClelland, Ruby Bennett
House Prefects – O House (Lower)	Alfie Moore, Henry Knight, Kirsty Clay, Nyah Merryweather
House Prefects – O House (Middle)	Joseph Hearsey, Sam Fussell
House Prefects – O House (Sixth)	Ben Thompson

House Prefects – P House (Lower)	Poppy Egerton, Srisha Sampalli, William Cook, William Taverner
House Prefects – P House (Middle)	Bradley Wood, Max England
House Prefects – P House (Sixth)	Alex Chisholm, Daniel Gravatt
House Prefects – W House (Lower)	Abi Wareham, Charlotte Parsons, Finlay Dow, Izzy Kealey
House Prefects – W House (Middle)	Nicholas Lloyd, Rory Sherriff
House Prefects – W House (Sixth)	George Greasley, Jessica Hiscott
Charity Prefects	Arnav Karode, Denise Grzymkowska, Olivia Tarr, Ruby Bennett, Tom Pullin, William Fernandes
Choir Prefect (Alto)	Charis Andrew
Choir Prefect (Bass)	Robert Richards
Choir Prefect (Soprano)	Matilda Jeffery
Choir Prefect (Tenor)	Gianpiero Greatorex
Sarum (Chapel) Prefects	Aarv Paul, Alex Bennett, Amelia Jacobs, Ben Lloyd, Eve Thomas, Georgina Taylor, Jessica Mabey
DofE Prefect	Sam Fussell
Art Prefects	Max Farnon, Zerlina Ross
Business & Economics Prefects	Saachi Gurung, Noah Taylor
English Prefects	Olivia Tarr, Tim Blackburn
French Prefect	Eve Thomas
Geography Prefect	Charlotte Abbott
German Prefect	Gianpiero Greatorex
History Prefects	Edouard Bayliss, Georgina Taylor
Maths Prefects	Anthony Amos, Emily Warren, Hector Clemett, Saachi Gurung
Music Prefects	Gio Galanza, Oliver Graves
Music Prefect (Tech)	Thomas Homer
Politics Prefects	Lucy Ventham, Joshua Wood
Psychology Prefects	Alex Chisholm, Lucy Lambard
Religious Studies Prefects	Toma Howarth-Jones, Henry Youd
Science Prefects	Cameron Dow, Kitty Wyatt, Nyah Merryweather
Science Prefect (BAYS)	Tom Pullin
Spanish Prefect	Caleb Richter

## **THE FOLLOWING AWARDS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED DURING THE YEAR**

### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

When reflecting on another full year of expeditions with the Duke of Edinburgh awards I often go back to the opening statement from the programme: 'We are here to empower young people; to support them as they learn new skills, overcome obstacles and build confidence and resilience'. As far as success criteria go, this is a pretty considerable ask, ultimately one which will go far beyond an annual report. Our continued partnership with Paul Webb and his team at H5 Adventure has gone a long way to support and empower our students here at Bishop Wordsworth's School and we are indebted to the instructors who have looked after us this year. I take huge confidence and pride from the environment that the training day and expeditions create for those who enrol, the skill sets and resilience that are developed and the resulting time-frame of impact which inevitably goes far beyond this end of year reflection.

I write to you now on the back of presenting to parents of the incoming Year 7 cohort, those at the very start of their journey at Bishop Wordsworth's School and looking ahead with nervous excitement. One of the key words from the Headmaster that I sought to reinforce was 'community' and the statistics relating to this year and the Duke of Edinburgh programme are hugely impressive. Between April 2022 and March 2023 our students contributed 2301 volunteering hours across hugely varied settings. The tangible value of these hours is £11,067 – a staggering amount, but for me the impact of these commitments is far more profound and one of the most valuable aspects of the award scheme. John Wordsworth speaks of dedicating ourselves 'to the service of men and women everywhere' in our school prayer and I hope that each student can reflect on their volunteering section and begin to relate to this concept a little more closely and a little more deeply.

From Cranbourne Chase, The New Forest and farther afield to Bannau Brycheiniog our expeditions have provided challenging routes and spectacular views which both students and staff alike have enjoyed. Numbers have been fantastic again with 116 Bronze, 54 Silver and 22 Gold, testament to the process and making the job bigger again than last year. On this note, I am hugely grateful again for the leadership and support of Mrs Jones who looks after all the admin and this year supported both Gold and Bronze expeditions. Mr Loughlin took the lead on Silver once again, ably supported by Mr Bull and while Messrs. Smallwood and Harmsworth reprised their role as drivers we also welcomed Mr Morton to that group who commit selflessly to a return trip to South Wales for the Gold drop-offs and collections. I am extremely grateful to each of the staff and their company and commitment are both huge parts of the programme.

My congratulations go to all of those who have completed their awards this year, your achievements are all the more valuable for the unique manner in which you have approached the sections and you should be extremely proud to receive your badge. I trust that the obstacles you have overcome and the resilience that you have built as a result will stand you in good stead for your next adventure, whatever that might be. (Mr J Oldham, Head of Outdoor Education)

**Gold award:** Alexander Cole, Torin Johansen, Ben Schofield

**Silver award:** Alec Dakin, Finlay Dow, Cameron Dow, Theon Evans, Daniel Farmer, Haydn Farrell Lecointe, Sam Fussell, Oscar Gale, Tomasine Howarth-Jones, Richard James, Maxwell Jenkins, Edward Klein, Aarv Paul, Hari Putt, Progress Rai, Ryan Stockton, Raphael Taylor, Oskar Valjak, Robert Western, Fraser Wilson, Ben Wordley, Binam Yakha, Yingying Zhao

**Bronze award:** Matthew Alderman, Faisal Alrawi, Anthony Amos, Ephraim Anagu, Alexander Barnes, Hugh Bate, Harry Borwell, Abed Brown, Reuben Caddy, Eden Cavanagh, Ethan Cleary, Daniel Coombes, Daniel Curry, Ben Dennis, Omar Elgammal, Louis Fiander, Alexander Fletcher, Ethan Forder, Stanley Freer, Oscar Gale, Isaac Gill, Ollie Groth, Ameer Gurung, Alfie Hanss, Theo Hanss, Elliot Harris, Tarrick Hastings, Luke Herbert, Jonathan Ivess-Mash, Matthew Ivess-Mash, Benjamin Jacobs, Thomas James, James Jobbings, Alfie Jones, Jack Lamont, Callum Logan, Theodore Lotherington, Tudor Luhan, Fred Martin, Patrick McCoubrey, Oliver Parkes, Kabir Patwardhan, Graham Picknett-Powell, Jake Redding, Jacob Rogers, Sam Saneie, Harry Shardlow, Rayan Siddiqi, Charlie Smith, Joshua Smithson, Matthew Stahl, Andrew Stewart, Aidan Taylor, Nathanael Teal, Sangam Thapa, Alexander Underhill, William Woodvine

## **DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**

The mathematics department has continued to achieve success in the maths challenges run nationally by the UKMT, as well as other challenges competitions. We are very proud of all their achievements.

### **Maths Olympiad for Girls**

For the first time this year we entered four of our Sixth Form girls into the Maths Olympiad for Girls. All four gained a merit. The top scorer was Tamara Alani and the other entrants were Lizzie Norton, Emily Warren and Grace McClelland.

### **Senior Maths Challenge - November 2022 (Years 12 and 13)**

**Best in School and Best in Year 13:** Max Day **Best in Year 12:** Aayan Riaz, Finlay Stevenson, Emily Warren

**Overall:** 26 Gold, 14 Silver, 5 Bronze awards

**British Maths Olympiad (top 1000 Senior Maths Challenge entries nationally):** 4 students qualified and all achieved a merit. Max Day was the top scorer and other qualifiers were Joe Parker, Benedict Binu and Jude Murray.

**Senior Maths Kangaroo Merit Awards (next 3000 Senior Maths Challenge entries nationally):** 23 students qualified for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo. The top scorers were Emily Warren (Y12), Daniel Curry, Barnaby Dolphin and William Hackett (Y13).

### **Intermediate Maths Challenge - February 2023 (Years 9, 10, 11)**

**Best in Year 11 and Best in School:** Joe Fry **Best in Year 10:** Alex Evans  
**Best in Year 9:** Ashwin Shashidaran

**Overall:** 35 Gold, 46 Silver, 22 Bronze awards

**Intermediate Maths Olympiad (top 500 Intermediate Maths Challenge entries per year group nationally):** Joe Fry

**Intermediate Kangaroo Merit Awards (next 5500 Intermediate Maths Challenge entries nationally):** 15 students qualified for the Pink Kangaroo (Y10 and Y11). The top scorers were Matthew Alderman (Y11) and Sai Kantamani (Y10). Six students qualified for the Grey Kangaroo (Y9). The top scorer was Jacob Earle.

### **Junior Maths Challenge – April 2023 (Years 7 and 8)**

**Best in school and Best in Year 8:** Shreesaya Jha **Best in Year 7:** Ethan Parry

**Overall:** 24 Gold, 24 Silver, 25 Bronze awards

**Junior Kangaroo (next 5500 Junior Maths Challenge entries nationally):** 16 students qualified for the Kangaroo. At time of going to press we are still awaiting the results.

### **UKMT Mentoring Club**

This year a number of our most able students from Years 7 to 10 have been attending a lunchtime club to attempt some very hard problems set by UKMT under the mentorship of a Year 12 student. (Mrs J Barrett, Head of Mathematics)



## MUSIC

We are aware of the following musical achievements:

<b>Student</b>	<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Result</b>
Benjamin Jacobs	10M	Trumpet	ARSM Diploma	Distinction
Rosie Woodhouse	13M	Singing	8	Distinction
Jessica Mabey	12O	Singing	8	Merit
Adam Rojas-Hindmarsh	13J	Piano	8	Pass
Gio Galanza	12W	Piano	7	Distinction
Gabriel Williams	8O	French Horn	7	Distinction
Robert Richards	12P	Flute	7	Merit
Josiah Evans	9J	Drums	7	Pass
Thomas Harffey	7O	Drums	7	Pass
Muna Nduka-Richards	10J	Piano	6	Distinction
Isaiah Oliver	10W	Piano	6	Merit
Freddy Mulvee	7J	Drums	6	Pass
Jacob Stewart	8J	Trumpet	5	Distinction
Tristan Maddison	7P	Trumpet	5	Merit
Charlie Whitworth	8M	Trumpet	5	Merit
Thomas Greenall	12P	Euphonium	5	Merit
Benjamin Baker	10W	Organ	5	Merit
Edward Hanley	8J	Drums	5	Merit
Nevin Ahluwalia	8J	Drums	5	Merit
Eshneha Gurung	13M	Singing	5	Pass
Conrad Bullock	11O	Drums	5	Pass
Jack Lee	9M	Piano	4	Merit
Joshua Wood	12M	Piano	4	Merit
Thomas Homer	12P	Piano	4	Merit
Elliot Harris	10J	Trumpet	4	Merit
Gabriel O'Neill	10W	Singing	4	Pass
Joel Davies	12P	Piano	3	Merit
James Chant	7J	Piano	3	Merit
Christopher Kalapura	11W	Piano	3	Pass
Liam Childers	13W	Piano	3	Pass
Gabriel O'Neill	10W	Piano	2	Merit
Ander Lyle	8J	Guitar	2	Merit
Seamus O'Neill	9M	Drums	2	Merit
Sharv Sinha	11P	Drums	2	Merit
Josh Gray	12O	Piano	2	Pass
Jakob Twigg	10O	Piano	2	Pass

Edward Butler	12J	Drums	2	Pass
Brian Edward-Okosun	8O	Piano	1	Distinction
Hariket Trivedi	11O	Piano	1	Distinction
Junot Lee Reis	9O	Piano	1	Distinction
Harvey Ball	7O	Piano	1	Merit
Edward Thomas	9W	Piano	1	Pass
Jayden Main	8W	Piano	1	Pass
Raphael Flaminiano	7M	Piano	Initial	Distinction
Arthur Hemming	9W	Piano	Initial	Distinction
Harry Arnold-Drewett	9J	Piano	Initial	Merit
Thomas Lamb	8J	Piano	Initial	Merit

2022-2023 has been another busy year for the music department.

The choir has given services in Salisbury and Wells cathedrals, invited to join the Gabriel Ensemble at Portsmouth Cathedral in November, Bishops Singers again travelled to St. Peter's in Oxford for a 'day as a choral scholar', giving Evensong with KES Statford, RGSHW and Bishop Vesey's Grammar schools, and gave Evensong to end the Farley International Music Festival, a new and prestigious honour for the choir.

After several false starts since my arrival, we finally took our first major tour since the lockdowns. 50 pupils and 4 members of staff travelled to Prague, where we gave three concerts to full audiences. The pupils were a credit to the school, and after every performance they had members of the audience wishing to tell them how much they had enjoyed the performances.

As a department we have given concerts at St. Thomas's and St. Martin's churches and also used No. 11 Lawn for the first time for our end of year concert, seeing the orchestra perform some 90's club classics, the choir singing music theatre and pop music, the big band treating the audience to some funk and a number of individual performances that will long be remembered.

The large May concert took place in Wilton again at the Italianate church. This year we were joined by Godolphin School and the Farrant singers to perform Vivaldi's Gloria. This work is possible not on the same scale as Mozart's Requiem, but still a large and demanding work in its own right and the choirs and school orchestra gave a rousing performance to a full audience who rose in appreciation at the end of the concert. A promise has been made to Dr Smallwood as a retirement present and we announce that the concert in 2024 will be Mozart's C minor mass on 4 May 2024.

The big band performed at every major event of the year and have been invited to perform at the Salisbury Arts Centre next week.

Several pupils once again entered the Rotary Club Young Musician of the year, with Benjamin Jacobs and Joe Parker progressing to the area final, and Joe progressing to the region finals. Five of our senior pianists gave an evening recital on Sir Edward Heath's Steinway piano in Arundells. Benjamin Jacobs was also awarded a place in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain.

Pupils were given the chance to travel to Poole, to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform a concert of impressionistic orchestral music and plans are already in place to visit again later this year.

Another year of opportunities has already begun, and we hope to see you at many of our events this year. (Mr L Edney, Director of Music)

Robert Richards was re-awarded the Roger Pennell's Organ Scholarship.

Year 10 Wort Scholarships were awarded to Benjamin Baker, Joshua Fricker and Benjamin Jacobs.

The inaugural Year 12 Wort Scholarship was awarded to Charlotte Stobbs, making her the first-ever female music scholar at Bishops.

## **HONOURS CERTIFICATES**

### **SILVER CROSS AWARDS**

**The following Sixth Form students have been awarded a Silver Cross for voluntary Community Service (including at Salisbury Hospital, Talking Newspapers, Elizabeth House, Radio Odstock, Salisbury Cathedral, Sarum College Library and Primary School volunteers):** David Alappat, Alanna Andrews, William Cook, Reuben Cordina, Youssef Elmorsy, Demitri Fernandez, Poppy Freer, Thomas Gilson, Oliver Graves, Pearl Harrington, Alexander Hayes, Edward Klein, Henry Knight, Jess Mabey, Nyah Merryweather, Andrew Parr, Aarv Paul, Thomas Pullin, Aayan Riaz, Srisha Sampalli, Bryan Sarfo, Isabel Sebastian, Benedict Smith, Thomas Wood, Kitty Wyatt, Binam Yakha, Joshua Wood, Izzy Regan, Timothy Blackburn, Finlay Dow, Daniel Harpwood, Georgina Taylor, Eve Thomas, Thomas Greenall, Wim Tagg, Oskar Valjak, Thomas Suthery, Bronwen Power, Radha Patel, William Hackett, Harvey Tune, Abi Edwards, Amy Puryer, Emilia Ewen Bennis, Emily Swannell, Tom Prior, Joe Parker, Amelia Budge, Jonathan Samuel, Rohit Ramachandra, Alexander Moodley, Nickolaos Zervas, Benedict Binu, Harvey Wardroper, Jite Ono-Sorhue, Jessica Hiscott, Sophie Sherry, Will Pischell, Sophie Abbott, Charlotte Stobbs, Yingying Zhao

**The following Sixth Form students have been awarded a Silver Cross:** Grace McClelland, Maria Khan, Katie Standfield, Georgia Smallbones, Rose Morgan, Emily Warren (**Engineering Cadets Gold Competition**); Yingying

Zhao (**volunteering in school**); Charlotte Parsons (**helping younger students in Geography**); Charlotte Abbott, Anna Hayakawa, Jules Dunford-Frost, Oscar Stewart, Ben Thompson, Joe Smith (**Geography Club**)

**The following Sixth Form students have been awarded a Silver Cross for running and supporting extra-curricular activities at BWS and in the wider community:** Aryan Arya, Hugh Bate, Ruby Bennett, Jess Boardman, Kirsty Clay, William Cook, William Durrant, Theon Evans, Alex Facey, Haydn Farrell Lecointe, George Greasley, Otto Jenner, Izzy Kealey, Henry Knight, Amy Lamb, Nyah Merryweather, Hayden Morgan, Radha Patel, Joseph Patience, Luke Payne, Jake Pokai, Keara Redding, William Taverner, Max White, Kitty Wyatt, Henry Youd

**The following Sixth Form students have been awarded a Silver Cross for their amazing support to the PE Department and for being outstanding ambassadors for the school:** Millie Gurney, Toma Howarth-Jones, Poppy Egerton

In certain exceptional circumstances, Silver Cross awards are presented to students who are not in the Sixth Form. **The following young organists have been awarded a Silver Cross for their commitment to playing regularly for Chapel:** Ben Baker (Year 10), William Ransome (Year 9), Gabriel Williams (Year 8)

## **SCIENCE REPORT**

Dissecting, titrating, synthesising, distilling, observing, measuring, karting(!), and collecting. It has been another tremendously busy year in the Science Department where we have been able to offer one of the richest buffets of extracurricular work yet. None of these activities would be possible without the dedicated efforts of the Science Team of teachers, technicians and prefects and we thank all of them for their hard work this year. Our efforts are celebrated on the @BWSScience Instagram which is steadily rising in subscriptions, particularly after this plug!

Each year the Science Department has a number of Sixth Form prefects to assist with some of our endeavours. These roles offer a fabulous opportunity for students to build their organisation, leadership and communication skills in areas as diverse as assisting with lower school practicals to meeting and greeting top notch academics. This years' BAYS prefects were Tom James and Isabella Tolley who did a stellar job coordinating with universities and employers in bringing in a diverse collection of fascinating speakers. We are hugely indebted to their hard work as well as the generosity of the academics and professionals who have given up their time to inspire the students. This last year we have been treated to talks on Bacteriophages (Dr Franklin Nobrega), Global Atmospheric Chemistry (Prof. James Lee), Plant Genetics (Dr Leif Bersweden), Supermassive Blackholes (Dr Sadie Jones), Predicting

the Future with Maths (Prof. Chris Budd OBE), Solving the World's Problems with Chemistry (Prof. David Read) and Fluid Dynamics (Dr James Munro).

We firmly believe in demonstrating to the students the diverse and fascinating careers available to them by pursuing the sciences and so it was with great delight we ran our annual STEM Careers Afternoon once more. Our Sixth Form students benefitted from the wisdom and experience of professionals as diverse as James Dalziel (Volcanologist) to Will Windell (roboticist and mechanical engineer). The most subscribed talk award this year went to Steve Durcan (Test Pilot) who promised the girls and boys they 'could become Top Gun in an afternoon'. We give huge thanks to the 15 speakers who participated at the event, particularly those returning for another year at BWS.

With an influx of girls into BWS we have been continually on the look out for new opportunities and this year we happily saw our first ever Industrial Cadet team, a 6-woman strong collective of Physicists who designed their way through an electrical engineering challenge with professional support from their sponsors at Porton Down. The Gold qualification, similar in scope to the DofE award, required real commitment and the team spent many hours at lunch and after school soldering, testing, re-testing and reporting on their work. They got to celebrate their achievements with a presentation afternoon in Bath where they truly did themselves proud with an excellent summary presentation. Many thanks also go to Mr Holzer who put a great deal of his own time into seeing this challenging project realised.

Come rain or shine, almost always rain, the Geologists and Biologists were out in the field once more with locations across the south. Amongst many other field sites we give thanks to Lord Head who opened his SSSI chalk downland to us for environmental surveys this year, the Year 12 students pouring over the hills spotting pyramidal orchids, self-heal, kidney-vetch and more. Despite Mrs Madzarevic's best efforts the identification of long grasses still leaves something to be desired however.

As ever Bishops' boys and girls have been involving themselves in a plethora of academic challenges and competitions, some of the highlights are below:

Sabotage was afoot in the 'Grand Baking Competition' where six teams of students from Year 12 were put through their paces using a series of chemical tests to identify the culprit in the RSC South West Region Schools Analyst's Competition. The students were able to apply techniques learned in the course of their studies to a new scenario. Students worked brilliantly as teams, analysing the results achieved. Our best team comprised of Cameron Dow, Andrew Parr and Geya Wang.

A mixed year group KS4 team travelled to Portsmouth Grammar School for the RSC Top of the Bench competition. From a field of sixteen schools there

were only four awards available, and our boys took one of them. They won the best teamwork award, despite the fact that they hadn't met each other until the morning of the event! It was a great opportunity for them to carry out a range of challenging practical work, a multiple-choice exercise showing their chemistry knowledge, making a poster and presenting their investigation. They presented eloquently and knowledgeably.

Lower school meanwhile were going eco with their involvement in the Going 4 Green Beyond COP21 Symposium with Godolphin school which involved developing methods of helping BWS improve its ecological credentials.

Hector Clemett received one of only seven commendations in the UK for his outstanding entry to the Peterhouse Kelvin Science Essay Competition with his series of home experiments, on the road measurements, and seriously large assumptions(!), to determine the number of moles in the Albert Hall – if you want the short read then approximately 5 million moles.

Year 12 were off once more for the University of Southampton Twilight Chemistry Sessions, a fabulous opportunity to break glassware in a different environment for many.

Our usual entries to the Physics, Biology and Chemistry international Olympiads were as strong as ever. In total over 120 entries were made with Gold medals close to our record numbers, the chemists excelled particularly this year with a haul of 13 gold medals. Most notable performances go to Cameron Dow who scored within the top 1% of the country in the Chemistry Olympiad and Ben Parker who, over 4 papers and over 9 hours of rigorous testing finished in the top 15 students in the entire country – he narrowly lost out on the chance to represent the UK internationally, a truly spectacular achievement.

Not content with the Olympiad the chemists also achieved a further 6 Gold awards in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge for Sixth Form students.

Twenty Year 10 students opted to put themselves through their paces in the National Scientific Thinking Competition, over half of these received a Gold award.

We were delighted to host the first iMechE lecture (Institute of Mechanical Engineers) post-Covid and were treated to TV presenter Rob Bell explaining his 'Unexpected Love Affair' of Engineering, the boys were certainly captivated by his vivid descriptions of nuclear submarines as well as a bruising multi-continent marathon.

BWS Science attempted to end with a bang and we were thrilled to host the Year 8 Go-Karting challenge for the first time this year in the final few weeks of term. This exciting, if not somewhat terrifying for the staff, activity saw Year

8 students in paired races having learned over a sequence of lessons about the design, engines and performance of vehicles. The event ended with Mrs Beer and Mr Holzer racing it out to a cheering crowd!

Well done to the boys for engaging so thoroughly and opening themselves up to a challenge, roll on next year as Mrs Tonkin takes over command of the BWS Science Faculty. (Mr M Thorne, Director of Science)

## **SPORTS AWARDS**

“Sir, our fielding is really good, but it would be great if we could work on our batting.”

“I agree, but the sports hall is being used for exams.”

The quest for an external all-weather surface and cricket nets continues. At the time of writing we had reached £60,000, a fantastic amount of money in a relatively short space of time, but still somewhat short of our desired amount. Following our Richard Hill event in December and the inaugural Big Bish Bash cricket tournament, we know there is stomach for support, and some have been hugely generous, but without everyone chipping in we will struggle to install this vital new facility, that will benefit all our students.

If you are able to help with this project in some way, big or small please contact [cep@bishopwordsworths.org.uk](mailto:cep@bishopwordsworths.org.uk) or head to our alumni and development page <https://bwsnetwork.org.uk/supportus>



Sport this academic year has seen nearly 50% of the school populace represent in one activity or another, it has seen a growth in fixtures from 270 last year to nearly 350 this year, and while we may not have experienced the same success of 2021/22, we have experienced different successes.

One of those has been our girls being at the forefront of both netball and rugby 7s in the region, as well as their increased involvement in tennis, cricket and athletics/cross country. It is no surprise therefore that two of our sportswomen pick up awards. Sophie Cowey for Rugby, as she has been a part of Bristol Bears Academy, captained the Ultimate Rugby 7s South team and is currently playing for Bath Ladies 7s on the Super Series, picking up player of the tournament on debut.

Another one of our star athletes, Poppy Egerton has been awarded the Team BWS Values award as the person we feel most epitomises what we look for in

our young people. She is captain of both the girl's netball and rugby 7s this year, as well as an outstanding hockey player. She is a driving force amongst her peers on the sports field, but does not stray far from the point of playing sport, which is to have fun.

The girls have been a fantastic addition and as their numbers grow at a time when women's sport is also growing I hope we can continue to provide the exciting opportunities that for many is just one of the reasons they are joining BWS.

Following our success of the last year, School Sports Magazine rated us 65<sup>th</sup> in their end of year rankings against all schools and top 25 amongst state schools. A fantastic achievement from all involved. The recognition for our athletes' hard work is fantastic and not a freak occurrence, as they all work extremely hard, striving to be better every day.

Looking back at the year of sport it fills me with immense pride to see how much we do and offer in terms of the activities but also this year we have strived to cater for different levels of ability as well, giving others an opportunity to participate and compete who previously may not have got the chance.

In Badminton, as well as winning the county competition at both KS3 and KS4, we took a group of social players from the Sixth Form to Godolphin for a social mix in. We did similar in tennis against SWGS with the Sixth Form and hosted our own local school's tournament and annual in-house competition to get as many students on court as possible. This was coupled with our KS3 and KS4 B teams along with both senior boy's sides making regional finals for the first time and making round 2 of the Glanville Cup. Keeping with our net/wall sports, the table tennis boys won their county competition and squash made round 2 of their national championship with a very young side all of whom return next year.

Football this year has had one of its best years with all sides making their area semi-finals, with the U14s winning their final. The seniors who we really pushed in terms of fixtures ran two sides, with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI making the County Cup Final and topping the Poole Schools league. It was the best season since 2016, and great to see football firmly back on the map again. This year we have taken the reins of area football as we push for more fixtures for our students. A special thanks to OWs Monty George and Dan Beckles of Furniture Box who not only sponsor football, but supported our new award for football... this year awarded to Alfred Moore and Binam Yakha.

Basketball broke new ground with entrance into the Junior NBA which our Year 8 boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the region having topped their conference. The seniors made finals at the annual Wellington tournament and both the U14



and 16 sides made round 2 of their National knock-out, placing us amongst some of the best in the country.

Cross country and athletics continued its strong vein of form with 8 runners making cross country nationals and 3 athletes making athletics nationals. This was following once again an outstanding showing at a local, county and regional level with our teams across the age groups. We also took a group of our Year 12 netball and rugby players to Dauntsey's for a brilliant meeting just after Easter.

Netball once again grew in numbers and an established 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VII played a fixture list taking on both local schools and those further afield. Netball and girls' rugby 7s have both grown so much that we are touring to Dubai in February to allow the girls, like the boys, an opportunity to tour together in another country.

Girls rugby 7s achieved great success this year running two sides throughout the season. They went on to win the inaugural West of England 7s (big schools) and reached the cup quarter finals at Rosslyn Park National School 7s. We also had two boys' sides at Rosslyn Park, but in tough groups didn't manage to make day 2. The season as a whole of the senior sides 15s and 7s was tough, but not without growth and success along the way, notably defending The Lane against a giant Bryanston side. Our U14s probably had the best season, almost going unbeaten and making good progress in the School Sports Magazine National Cup. Like our other sports, we also managed to put out a number of teams to cater for all abilities running small sided festivals at home as well as attending Millfield for their Bottoms Up tournament.

Cricket finally has seen great success in terms of games played and finding some sort of rhythm this year. With fixtures across all age groups, the use of Rack Close, courtesy of Leehurst Swan and also hosting a touring side from South Africa. It is safe to say the sport is flourishing at BWS with the best day probably being when we took 3 senior sides, including a girls' XI, to Bryanston. A memorable victory for the 2XI, who have gone unbeaten and are an example of our current depth across the school.

We recently received some excellent news from Salisbury Stingrays Swimming Club. Theo Parker-Minty qualified for the Swim England Summer Nationals as one of the best swimmers in his age group (15 year boys) in the 200m Butterfly. He went into the event with a ranking of 10<sup>th</sup> and performed a fantastic heat swim to qualify 2<sup>nd</sup> for the final with a new personal best. In the final Theo produced a lifetime best performance to win the event and become the English National Champion in the boys 15 years 200m Butterfly. Huge congratulations to Theo for this amazing achievement.

Once again, the senior rugby boys headed off on tour to Canada over the summer, which has put them in a good place going into the season. Before the tour we had a brilliant Race Night and auction, raising over £11,000, donating 10% to the Wooden Spoon Charity. A huge thanks to the boys and parents for their efforts. None of the above would be possible without our team of staff and parents who volunteer their time. This year we also had 3 outstanding sports assistants in Lily, Callum and Isaac who like Mr Williams last year with squash, have managed and coached teams and really stepped up to be vital members of the team. A lot wouldn't happen without their hard work behind the scenes and that of all our parents and supporters that make sport at BWS function, while the students enjoy themselves there is someone on the freezing touchline or up at the crack of dawn to ferry them somewhere, so a huge thank you to all of you for your child and BWS as a whole.

Congratulations to all our winners and we look forward to another exciting year of sport at BWS. (Mr R Demain-Griffiths, Director of Sport)

**Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain:** Ollie Branagan      **Vice-Captain:** George Smith

**Rugby Colours – 1st XV:** Ollie Branagan, George Smith, Finn Reavill, Henry Fell

**Cross Country Colours:** George Chowdhury, Emily Warren, Keara Redding, Daisy Badger, George Sutton, Bertie Stone, Noah Taylor; **Re-Awards:** Lizzie Norton, Lukas Bailey, Jake Dinkele, Guy Mitchell, Will Taverner, Tom Wood, Stanley Freer, Nicholas Plummer, Toby Taverner, Joshua Fricker, James Gabriel, Ethan Covil

**Athletics Colours:** Nick Plummer, Tom Wood; **Re-Awards:** Will Ransome, Jacob Earle, Charlie Paden, Ruben Williams, Jamie Duckett, Will Bedford

**Tennis Colours:** Guy Mitchell, Hari Chowdhury, Max England, Hamish Goulding, Rory Sherriff, Hariket Trivedi, Zayan Siddiqui Raja, Tom Wood

**Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Qualification in Sports Leadership:** Hugh Bate, Ruby Bennett, Jess Boardman, Kirsty Clay, William Cook, William Durrant, Theon Evans, Alex Facey, Haydn Farrell-Lecointe, George Greasley, Otto Jenner, Izzy Kealey, Henry Knight, Amy Lamb, Nyah Merryweather, Hayden Morgan, Luke Payne, Keara Redding, William Taverner, Max White, Henry Youd, Radha Patel

## **SOME OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2022 – 2023**

**Arkwright Scholarships:** We are an Arkwright Engineering School and as Engineering is an area which interests many of our students, we are delighted to report that we currently have 3 scholars in our Sixth Form, these being, Joe Parker, Nickolas Zervas and Alec Dakin (Year 13). In Year 12 Cameron Dow and Benedict Davies were successful right through to the interview stage but due to national economic constraints company sponsors were thin on the ground this year and the Arkwright organisation were desperately searching for sponsors to support these successful students.

This year 4 students from Year 11 have followed the rigorous application process of applying, doing an exam and being called for a formal interview. We are eagerly awaiting the outcome to see who has been successful in early October. (Mr B Bull, Head of Design Technology)

**Art:** The last year, as always has been a busy one for the Art Department. The usual lunchtime clubs in Art1 and Art2 were full to the brim with students from all year groups. Competitions running throughout the key stages and external competitions being won, as well as cross curricular activities taking place.

As I write we have been busy putting up the first of three Art shows this term. The GCSE and A Level students have worked extremely hard to complete their coursework and exam projects and are getting ready for the moderator to visit. They are all looking forward to bringing in their families, to look at their work at our Creative Arts summer show. It really will be a chance to sit back and reflect on the hours and hours spent in the Art room or at the computer for our designers.

Our A level pupils have once again been hugely successful within their personal investigations and exam projects, gaining places at some top Universities to study Art and Graphic Design as well as obtaining some extremely high grades. We are so proud of them all, not forgetting our GCSE students who have been brilliant throughout the whole course, and we wish them all the best in their futures and look forward to seeing some of them back in Year 12.

The Art Department continues to grow and we now have three classes in Year 10 alone and have another three arriving next academic year. This means we have had to appoint a new Graphics and Art Teacher. Ms Smith-Edmunds will be joining us in September and will be picking up lots of GSCE, A level and KS3 classes. Mrs Redmill will be spending slightly less time in the department, as she is taking on the role of leading community projects for the school, which will be an exciting experience for our students.

We have just returned from two great days out with all our Year 10 students visiting Hengistbury Head as part of their Coast Project. The boys took lots of

photos that they will later use and edit in Photoshop and draw from if they are doing Art Craft and Design.

Year 12 will also go to London at the end of this term, to visit Art galleries and to talk with Ian Cartlidge who is the Director of Cartlidge Levine Graphic Design studio, which will be an invaluable experience.

As always, a huge thank you to my fantastic department. Our three Art technicians really are the pillars of the day to day running of the department and have worked tirelessly this year to help the pupils in every conceivable way. Mrs Johnson, Mrs Greatorex and Mrs House, the Art department would simply not run without you. Thank you also to Mrs Redmill, who inspires her pupils every day and for all her extra work with helping our A Level pupils this year. (Mrs S Lawrence, Head of Art)

**BWS Adventure:** From Pen-Y-Fan to Yes Tor, Clearbury Down to Barbury Castle, BWS Adventure has grown again this year and all the students who have been involved have found a different classroom full of challenge and subsequent reward wherever the peak, forest or trail. I write to you as Year 7 plan their camping and cooking groups for their Great Yews camp. The buzz is growing as it always does for one of, if not the longest standing traditions here at BWS. Excitement for the week ahead is also being fueled by the senior prefect body following their own camp earlier in the month as they now prepare to take a lead with the newest members of their respective houses. Perhaps more than any other, this setting exemplifies the opportunity for our senior pupils to engage their skills from the Adventure based environment in order to set a standard, provide a role model and enable the same thrill and enjoyment within the environment for those who have just begun their journey at BWS.

From their own beginnings in the clearing amongst the Yews, each Year 8 tutor group revisited the camp as part of their day hike along a 12km route encompassing a wide variety of landscapes, land uses and a hugely valuable lecture from the Longford Estate manager David Canty. This hike, born of restrictions in recent years, is now part of our Longford partnership that has developed to engage David more deeply, starting with a Middle School assembly on the breadth and detail of potential careers in the Rural Sector. Evidence of the bigger pictures which BWS Adventure seeks to press home as part of the process and give the students a chance to think beyond the boundaries of the expeditions that they might complete. We are hugely grateful to David and the team at Longford for their continued support and are also delighted to have raised close to £1500 for Horatio's Garden over the last three years of partnership.

While Great Yews is imminent as I write, Plas Pencelli is in full swing! The twitter feed is lighting up this week with some amazing images from caves at Porth yr Ogof, mountain bikes at Blaen y Glyn to name but two of the stunning locations the Year 9 cohort will visit during their week in Powys. The

first half of this trip ran during January and amidst very different conditions provided arguably a more spectacular environment with a snow-covered Pen-Y-Fan as a particular highlight for both staff and students alike. BWS is indebted to Pete Blackburn and his staff at Plas who consistently provide a challenging programme of activity with a key focus on reflective practice for all of the students who sign up and my particular thanks go to Mr Loughlin, Mrs Jones and Mrs Paden for their leads on the two trips across the year. Eyes now on some new opportunities at Pencelli next year...

Dartmoor. Those of you who have ventured South West of our borders and spent any time out on the moor will know very well the reputation that the near 1000 square kilometers deservedly holds. With its challenging terrain and variable climate, one of our most beautiful national parks plays host to the Ten Tors Challenge, run by the British Army and this year BWS entered two teams into the 35-mile route option. Faultlessly led by our parent volunteer Adam Bate, the Year 10 students completed wild camp training expeditions on the moor during November, January and March, enduring the inevitable conditions that these calendar dates will present in order to make the start line with 223 other teams at 0700 on April 29. In a hugely successful culmination of dedication, teamwork and resilience both teams, comprised of Toby Taverner, Nick Plummer, Jake Redding, Jack Lamont, Adam Runyard, Lucas Snow, Harry White, Tristan Prinsloo, Reuben Smith, Ollie Puffett, Tom Lauzier and Jamie Morgan completed their respective routes before 1200 on April 30. A truly memorable experience for all involved.

Amongst the highlights from another hugely successful year, this quote from one of our students has resonated most deeply: 'this has been our greatest achievement in life so far'. If proof that the adventurous environment is good for students here at BWS were needed, then this is it. For me, the recognition of the collective as opposed to the self is exciting as far as the importance of teamwork in our environment goes, but ultimately the sentiment is incredibly profound in terms of the impact that BWS Adventure is having on the lives of the youngsters in our charge. (Mr J Oldham, Head of Outdoor Education)

**Careers:** This year's Higher Education and Careers event went ahead in February with a huge response from exhibitors covering all options from university, employers, apprenticeship providers and voluntary organisations. In May, we welcomed former students who have followed the Apprenticeship route into school to speak to students about their experiences. In June Year 12 experienced a University Open day, having the choice to visit Bristol, Bath or Reading to allow for a whole range of choice. Dr Andrew Bell, Senior Tutor from University College, Oxford came to speak to students and parents and we were grateful too, to the Old Wordsworthians for supporting a trip to the University of Oxford open day. We are now well into the UCAS application and personal statement sessions for students to be fully prepared before starting in Year 13. (Mrs S Armstrong, Careers Leader and Adviser)

**Chinese:** The following boys were awarded a Certificate of Achievement:

**Year 8** – Charles Cousins, Ryan Crewell, Zachary Fricker, Samuel Head, James Kitching, Thomas Lamb, Ander Lyle, Tami Oke, Jonathan Pryde, Eli Savage, Jacob Stewart, Thomas Taylor, Hugo Tribbeck, Alex Wang, Daniel Ward; **Year 9** – Charles Anns, Joseph Boulter, Alex Demade, Josiah Evans, Ryan Gao, Adam Hanc, Jake Hedges, Samuel Holland, Mark Johnston, Jack Lee, Michael Maisey, Max Parsons, Sebastian Quinlan, Haroon Qureshi, Finn Reeves, Ashwin Shashidaran, Ashton Sizer, Noureldeen Swelam, Edward Thomas, Nathanael Tucker, Jack Wilmot, Zanzibar Wright, Eddie Zhang, Dylan James, George Coomer; **Year 10** – Finlay Bullock, Ben Dennis, Joshua Fricker, James Sulman; **Year 11** – Michael Andrews, Alexander Burnside, Joseph Faulks, Sheldon Hands, Brendan Hau, Elystan Josty, Lucas Meadon, Archie Paterson, Joseph Pratt, Toby Ransome, Sangam Thapa, Joel White, Ptolemy Wright; **Year 12** – Timothy Blackburn, Oscar Gale, Oliver Graves, Dennis Tylkowski

**Year 13:** – All boys gained at least grade 6 with three scoring the highest grade possible (grade 9) for GCSE Chinese: Benedict Binu, Tom Duffield, Henry Fell, Ethan Forder, Joe French, William Hackett, Thomas James, Benjamin Maxwell, Jonathan Samuel, Benjamin Webster (Ms B Han, Teacher of Mandarin Chinese)

**Classics:** *salvete.* As the exam season draws to a close we acknowledge 19 committed students who have taken exams in Classical subjects in 2023. Our two A Level Latinists Tom and Ed are holding Cambridge university offers and our Classical Civilisation students also move on to higher education in a variety of disciplines ranging from the seemingly unrelated (Mathematics) to subjects which may have been inspired by studying Classics (Ancient History and History of Art) each of whom made a very positive contribution to the department. I would like to thank, in particular, Sam Howard, as our Classics prefect and his deputy Joe Smith. Both students found the time to help out with the Mythology club and no task was too burdensome.

In Years 7-9, we have had some truly outstanding efforts by boys to gain a place on the Latin Reading Competition teams. We had another fantastic return from the competition with our teams gaining first and third places in their category. In lessons, the intelligence, wit and intuition of the boys is always on show and the light bulb moments when connections are made to modern living are priceless.

At the time of writing, we are mid-planning for a trip to Rome and Naples next Easter which will enhance the educational experience of our GCSE and A Level students. We are soon to welcome prospective A Level students and a good number have signed up for GCSE Latin so the important work of opening up the ancient world to scrutiny continues. *valete, floreat schola.* (Mr I Owen, Head of Classics)

**BWS Debating** has seen another very active year, an influx of enthusiastic new talent with significant and continued success in national competitions.

The Debating Society Committee, led this year with great commitment by Chair Brian Jones, in tandem with Erin Sanders, continued the established tradition of holding weekly lunchtime debates, involving all year groups and included collaboration debates with other societies. Year 13s sustained the now established and popular Year 12 enrichment debating activity programme, inspiring students to develop their skills, including many of those new to the school. The regular Model UN debates are now also an established fixture.

A number of Sixth Form teams were fielded, in national competitions, including several of our novice debaters. Students enjoyed representing the school and debating in the competitive environment, in the main this year at in-person events, including those hosted at BWS. Our ESU Schools Mace Competition team, Reuben Cordina, Luke Liang, Erin Sanders and Brian Jones, brought home the medals winning the regional finals! We then travelled to London for the National finals as one of only twelve schools to qualify, a fine achievement and excellent experience. There was further success in Cambridge University's Schools' competition with two teams winning places this year to compete in Cambridge at Finals Day.

Huge credit is due to all those students who so enthusiastically ran the Debating Society activities in 2022-23. With our keen and committed group of Year 12 members we are looking forward to growing participation, taking the society's activities ahead, with debating continuing and developing as an important part of BWS life. (Mrs N Goldsack, BWS Debate Coach 2022-2023)

**Design and Technology:** A turbulent year in Technology this year. In December we saw Mr Beal leaving for a well-earned retirement and Mr Bull took over the reins as Head of Department.

We then had the issues of finding a replacement! Mr Brooks stepped up to help us out temporarily even though his background is as a Physics teacher. However this allowed KS3 to run as normal for the final two terms of this year, so a big thanks for helping us out. Mr Brooks can now go back to his retirement and Mr Davies has joined us teaching a few groups this term and then teaching full time KS3 in September.

In KS3 we have introduced new projects for next year as well as developing existing ones, trying to give students the chance to develop their knowledge and understanding of computer aided design and computer aided manufacture. However, we still ensure that pupils learn hand skills as well. We have also trialled challenges where pupils have to design and make and then test a solution to a problem which during the design phase will call on their application of science and maths to attempt to produce the best solution.

It is an iterative process as we use low cost materials so they can design, make, test re-design re-make and test again.

We were very fortunate to secure the purchase of a vertical mill this term and as soon as the installation is complete we will be integrating its use into several of the KS3 projects however, for certain GCSE tasks it will enable pupils to complete machining on components that until now has been a real frustration in the workshop.

At GCSE we have the benefit from Cambridge exam board to have almost total freedom to design and make projects of the pupils' choice, limited only by the obvious social, moral and ethical issues, and what we are able to store in the Design and Technology department.

This year we had a wide range of projects manufactured including, a barbecue rotisserie manufactured from metal, through to a foldable laptop rest made from wood, various storage and furniture pieces some incorporating LED lighting in the design and one football table design that used a mix of all the materials including his prototype 3D printed football players. To achieve this we had a number of lunchtime and after school sessions assisted by Mr Peach the Design and Technology Technician so a big thanks for the help given.

Mr Bull is the point of contact for the Arkwright engineering scholarship programme within the school. This year we have had 4 students apply for the scholarship. Therefore, any current Year 10s who are interested should look out for information in early September.

Mr Bull has, with the help of Mr Loughlin, been running an Engineering club on a Tuesday lunchtime for Sixth Form students. The focus this academic year has been the design and manufacture of gliders. This has introduced these students to the computer aided design program "Solid Works". At the time of writing we have had maiden test flights and intend to have more tests after the A level exams are completed. (Mr B Bull, Head of Design Technology)

**Drama Department:** The play this year was an adaptation of Jules Verne's 'Around the World in Eighty Days' by Laura Eason. It is a fabulous play, fast paced with lots of multi-rolling and changes in setting. I was lucky to work with my co-director, Jacob Simmonds and with two stage managers, Emily Swannell and Millie Ewen Benns, who were assisted by James Rodriguez. The technical team were all new to their roles but, with training, did a great job of the difficult sound and lighting demands. A talented cast was drawn together and rehearsals went well from the start. Tom Prior took the lead as Phileas Fogg and Passepartout became a Mademoiselle played by Poppy Freer. There was a last-minute cast change, but Dan Harpwood stepped into



the breach, learning the lines for Mrs Aouda at break neck speed and adding comedy value as he went!

We were able to 'go live' this year and were happy to be back at Studio Theatre with a full audience on most nights. Thank you to all at Studio Theatre for all that they do for our productions.

The Year 7, 8 and 9 classes have continued to impress with their commitment, enthusiasm and creativity, responding well to the increasingly difficult skills that they learn.

This is my last report as I leave Bishop's after 20 years in role to try some acting work of my own. Mr Marcel Corson is my replacement. He is an experienced Drama teacher who shares my passion for the subject and will undoubtedly bring his own ideas and enthusiasm to the department. I wish him every success! (Mrs M Gordon, Head of Drama)

**Drama Ties were awarded to the following students for their involvement in the School Play:** Joel White, James Rodriguez (Year 11), Dan Harpwood (Year 12), Tom Prior, Toby Daszkiewicz, Louis Jacques, Savannah Jamieson, Jacob Simmonds, Emily Swannell, Millie Ewen-Benns (Year 13)

**Economics and Business Department:** As ever, another busy year has been had in the Economics and Business Department with the doom and gloom of rising inflation, stagnant economic growth, public sector strikes and the pending increase in unemployment failing to dim the lights in the classroom and beyond.

Indeed, we welcomed a new member of the department, Mrs Jessica Barber, a teacher from Godolphin and an Alumni of the school. She has become an instant classroom success with Years 10 and 11, since joining us in March and with seventeen years of teaching experience, instantly gained credibility with the A Level groups in Business.

Earlier in the year Ms Greenwood arranged an eagerly anticipated trip for over 50 GCSE pupils to Cadbury's in the Midlands. The boys were able to take a look at the chocolate making process through exclusive video footage from inside the factory, providing them with useful insights into how Cadbury develops and creates new products.

They also became involved in a discussion about Cadbury's position within the UK and International confectionary market, how they maintain relevance and unique selling proposition in comparison to a globally competitive market. A group activity also allowed the boys to further explore the range of business segments Mondelez covers and how they support stakeholders and shareholders across the globe. A long but ultimately very enjoyable day was had by all. (Mr A Kerr, Head of Economics & Business Studies)

**English Department:** This academic year has been a very eventful one for the English Department. Firstly, it has felt like the first year in a long while that we have had the opportunity to run a full programme of theatre visits. Back in November, we took Year 11 to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton to see the acclaimed National Theatre production of *An Inspector Calls*, which is one of their key exam texts. In January, we were visited by the travelling Quantum Theatre, who performed their faithful yet highly innovative adaptation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in a Sports Hall that was miraculously transformed into the snow-laden streets of Victorian London. Year 12 and 13 Literature students were dazzled, in February, by what was probably the best production of *The Tempest* I have seen, courtesy of the Royal Shakespeare company at Stratford. More recently, we took Year 10 to see the same production of *An Inspector Calls*, this time at the Theatre Royal in Bath. We look forward to taking the present Year 9 to see *Macbeth* at Stratford early in the next academic year. Mr Riddell has bravely stepped into the breach to run that one! My heartfelt thanks go to my wonderful colleagues in the English Department (and beyond) who have helped organise and support these trips; made a joy by the enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour of our students.

We also really enjoyed the collaboration with the Geography Department in welcoming author and botanist Leif Bersweden who, in March, ran a workshop in the chapel, courtesy of the organisation of Mrs Jones. I had the pleasure of teaching Leif many years ago, and we were all charmed by his talent and warmth.

The year has not been without its challenges in terms of staffing the department. Long-term absences have been frustrating for those away and those in school, and I can only thank the vast majority of parents, carers, students, and supportive colleagues who have helped us cope with their enduring patience and kind words. I know it hasn't been easy for students, but we feel we're now heading towards smoother waters, with the return of the wonderful Miss Danaher, and the appointment of Mrs Anna Doran, who will begin teaching with us full-time in September. We also bid a sad farewell to Miss Walster, who is leaving us this year for pastures new – I know a lot of her pupils will be very sad to see her go and we wish her well. Gratitude must also go to Mrs Ward who has often been in to plug the gaps, alongside Mr Stuart Wood, who came in for a term or so to cover classes as well. On a positive note, we've also had the pleasure of working with Miss Ellie Inglis, who has completed her PGCE placement with us over much of the academic year. We wish her every success in her new and well-earned teaching position.

This year has been the first in a while that cohorts have sat the full set of exams without any Covid-related concessions. As I type, we're bang in the middle of exam season, but they seem to be coping admirably. Our Year 13 students have been a joy to teach, as always, and possibly the hardest-

working cohort Miss White and I have had the pleasure to teach. They deserve every success. We are also delighted to see two of our ex-students, Phoebe Lambard and Jamie Hopkins Oxford-bound, the former to study English Literature. Their places are so well-deserved, not least Jamie's. Jamie returned to the classroom regularly after leaving BWS in order to repeat Year 13 following a recovery from a very difficult period of illness.

All of our students prove that boys can be good at English too, and the work they produce continues to demonstrate what a wonderful, all-encompassing discipline the study of our wonderful language and our wealth of literature truly is.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank Miss White, my second in department. Through all of the curveballs thrown our way, she has been unstintingly resilient, supportive and resourceful; week in, week out. Thanks so much, Sally! (Mr C Ennew, Head of English)

**Extended Project Qualification (EPQ):** It has been a pleasure to lead this cohort of students through the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This qualification offers numerous benefits for students and can greatly enhance their educational journey. The EPQ is a self-directed project that allows students to delve into a topic of their choice, conduct in-depth research, and produce a significant piece of work. Topics this year have included bioengineering sustainable fuel, food and medicine, secret gambling in video games and construction of a scale model radio-controlled Spitfire. Not only does this qualification develop crucial skills such as independent thinking, time management, and research abilities but also encourages creativity and critical analysis. It provides a unique opportunity for students to explore their passions and pursue academic interests beyond their regular curriculum. The EPQ also holds weight with universities, demonstrating a student's commitment to independent study and their ability to manage a substantial project. It can enhance university applications and open doors to higher education opportunities. (Mr H Morton, EPQ Coordinator)

**Geography:** We were extremely pleased with both our GCSE and A level results in 2022. Very well done to the students for working incredibly hard to achieve these fantastic grades! It's also very pleasing to see that 93 Year 9 boys have chosen geography as a GCSE option this year – a record number for the department.

Throughout the year, geography students from different year groups have taken part in fieldwork. Year 8 boys visited the Hampshire coast to investigate how this coastline is being protected from erosion. Year 9 boys travelled to the River Pang in Berkshire carrying out river surveys as part of the Rivers and River Management unit. Year 10 fieldwork was undertaken in both Milford on Sea and Boscombe, focusing on risk mitigation and how and why places have changed over time. The Sixth-Form geographers experienced

residential fieldwork on the Devon coast, visiting Exeter, Dawlish Warren and Sidmouth amongst other places along the Jurassic Coast. They didn't allow the inclement March weather to dampen their enthusiasm! We are planning to stay at Beer Youth Hostel again next year.

**The Geography Society** has been very active this year organising visiting speakers and helping to raise the profile of the subject within the school. Members have regularly assisted Mrs Jones with the Geography Club, organising quizzes and other activities. Two members of the Society, Anna Hayakawa and Charlotte Abbott, were selected by the Geographical Association to represent the UK in the Geography Olympiad 23 in Jakarta this year – an amazing achievement! Two more Bishop's geographers, Toby Runyard and Jack Rodriguez, put up a good showing in the 2022 Olympiad which was held in Helsinki. The Society is hoping to continue this run in 2024!

Sadly, it is also time to bid a fond farewell to Mr Harmsworth who has been a longstanding member of the geography department at Bishop's for almost three decades. The department has benefitted from his extensive knowledge and expertise on all things geographical and he will be sorely missed by us all, although the rumour is that he may be occasionally spotted on geography fieldtrips in the future, so it's not quite farewell! Thank you for everything you've done for the department Andy. (Mr A Toner, Head of Geography)

**History:** It has been a good year for the historians of the school. We have another new (but experienced) member of the department and have, once again, had student teachers in. We have therefore all had the benefit of "fresh blood" and different opportunities.

Our big event this year was the return of the Berlin Trip. Mr Joyce led a large group of Year 10s and 11s around the city and its environs and brought all back in one piece and able to picture, and put into perspective, their classroom learning. From all accounts it was a highly informative and enjoyable trip.

We are looking forward to the academic year ahead with two new History prefects – Edo Bayliss and Georgina Taylor. They have big shoes to fill and we are very grateful to Raphael Taylor for all he has done this year. We are sure they will rise to the challenge and involve and engage our younger students in the study and enjoyment of History. (Miss V Brennan, Head of History)

The **BWS History Society** this year contacted a range of lecturers and invited them to come and speak to our students either in person or online. One of the (few) positives to have come out of the Covid period for us is that online lectures have been normalised. Whilst the students don't get the "full experience" we are able to invite people from much further afield and time lectures for when we can have greater turnout. We would like to encourage

participation from different year groups. Linked to this is that History Club has really taken off this year, under the guidance of Mr Joyce and a keen group of sixth formers, led by Raph Taylor and Tom Stirland, who have shown themselves to be excellent ambassadors and patient mentors. The following is from Tom: History Club this year had a great turnout where in many cases we had more than a classroom could fit! We covered lots of topics such as The French Revolution, Alexander II, Alexander III, Nicholas II and much more, such as the significance of Remembrance Day and the origins behind it, we also hosted multiple interactive quizzes which had amazing turnouts and I believe everyone who attended History Club came out having learnt a thing or two.

**Languages 2022–23:** This has been another exciting year in the MFL department, as, for the first time in several years, we took two trips abroad - to Paris in June, and Belin/Krakow in July. These trips give an incredible opportunity for our boys to get first-hand experience of using and being around the languages that they study here at Bishop's. In the coming year, Years 11-13 travel to Andalucía in October for a tour around the biggest cities in Southern Spain, while Years 9 and 10 get the chance to sample the delights of Barcelona in June. In the department, our prefect teams continue to offer great support to staff and younger pupils, by offering their time to help with speaking practice and individual mentoring, and our new prefect team will be tasked with creating challenges for House points within the MFL department. Alongside the curriculum, pupils have been involved in Spanish film evenings at Godolphin, cookery sessions, planning and delivering short plays in French and Spanish, and taking part in languages competitions run by universities. In terms of staffing, we wish all of our departing staff every happiness and the best wishes in their new roles. Ms Campling leaves us to settle in the Midlands, Miss Gea Neff has moved to London, and Ms Bellingham has taken on a Head of Department role on the south coast. All three have contributed significantly to the development of the MFL department during their time at the school, and will be greatly missed. We welcome Ms Dewar (Spanish/French), Miss Bedard (French), Miss Foulkes (German) and Mrs Martin (Spanish) into the department for 2023-24. All four new members of staff bring with them a wealth of experience, talent and passion for languages, and we look forward to seeing their impact as they embark on long careers at BWS! (Mr A Green, Head of MFL)

**Politics Society:** National politics this past year has been unpredictable, controversial, emotional and quite frankly unstable - thankfully, BWS Politics society has not been, and it has lasted longer than '*the lettuce*'.

Sessions this year from speakers like Andy Brooks, leader of the UK communist party, have sparked interesting debate and discussion, as did our conversational session with MP for North Dorset, Simon Hoare.

A personal highlight for me was a talk from Mary Ann Sieghart on her book "The Authority Gap" reflecting on her extensive research on the different ways men are given more authority and power in society.

Since I became chair of the Politics Society, the country has had three prime ministers. A few days after Liz Truss resigned we had an amazing opportunity to hear from our local MP John Glen. He spoke to us on recent controversies, his resignation from the Johnson government and the disastrous mini-budget.

Other MPs we welcomed to Politics Society included Jess Phillips, Labour MP for Birmingham Yardley, and Caroline Noakes, Conservative MP for Romsey and Southampton North. As you can imagine these were popular talks and gave the Politics Society a great insight from different points of view within parliament. I take pride in the fact that this year there have been more talks from women than men, given that only 34% of MPs are women, it is important to me that we highlight female voices within politics.

Thank you to our fabulous Politics teachers, the wonderful committee and my amazing co-chair Ed! It is a wonderful place for safe conversation, education and exploration of the political world. (Karis McIntyre, Year 13, Chair of BWS Politics Society 2022/23)

**Public Speaking:** Another school year saw another impressive set of teams come forward to represent Bishop's in the Public Speaking competitions. The first part of the Autumn Term saw our experienced speakers organising heats, selecting roles and deciding teams for those who were keen to participate. Lots of time and commitment goes into setting topics, holding auditions and then delivering the list of whether you've made the cut or not. Toby Runyard, Erin Sanders and Reuben Cordina spent numerous lunchtimes in and out of rooms on the English floor supporting and coaching students from Years 9-12 offering them plenty of advice along the different stages of the competitions.

The ESU competition held their first round via Zoom again this year. The Year 11 Team of Shivam Padiyar (Chair), Hari Chowdhury (Questioner) and Zayan Siddiqui-Raja (Speaker) did well with their Team competing against one from South Wilts. Our Year 10 Team made it through to the second round in February where they narrowly missed out on getting through to the Regional Final. Although they were disappointed I'm sure they'll rise to challenge should they choose to take part in Year 11. Well done to Ed Amoama (Chair), Aryan Sharma (Questioner) and Jack Lamont (Speaker) for their commitment and enthusiasm.

It would appear the Bishop's Public Speaking Teams like to be trailblazers and this year saw yet another first in the Rotary competition. The first round, held in January, saw a record 13 Teams from across 3 schools compete in our Drama Studio. Topics discussed ranged from 'Are Holidays stressful?' through to 'The internet should be a human right.' We had three Year 9 Teams compete consisting of Arthur Hemming (Chair), Nathanael Tucker

(Proposer), Oscar Brazier (Opposer), Dylan James (Chair), Jake Hedges (Proposer), Seamus O'Neill (Opposer), Ethan Hemming (Chair), Noureldeen Swelam (Proposer) and Jack Lee (Opposer.) Congratulations to Jack, Ethan and Noureldeen who won on the evening. Our three Year 12 Teams were Tim Blackburn (Opposer), Sophie Abbott (Chair), Theon Evans (Proposer), Edward Klein (Chair), Alexander Chisholm (Proposer), Daniel Harpwood (Opposer), Aayan Riaz (Chair), Yingying Zhao (Proposer) and Jess Mabey (Opposer). The Judges couldn't decide after the points were tied so decided to send two of our Senior Teams through to the next round which took place in February. Well done to all who took part and for being a great bunch to work with. (Miss S White, Public Speaking Coach)

**Pupil Librarian Achievement Awards: Bronze:** Harry Marchant-James  
**Silver:** Leo Musgrave

**Religious Studies & Philosophy Club:** Continuing to deliver a high-quality Religious Studies curriculum that captures the diversity, fluidity and complexity of world faiths and worldviews, remains at the forefront of the Department. This year saw the first Salisbury Cathedral tour for Year 7 take place in the same format as pre-pandemic years! We also managed to take our Year 10s to a Gurdwara in Southampton, which unfortunately the previous two years missed out on due to the pandemic, the trip was very well received, especially the vegetarian langer! Our annual Multifaith Day was once again a big hit with speakers from all the major world faiths and other belief systems too; students came away from the whole day event appreciative of the opportunity to hear faith representatives explain what their faith means to them in the real world. Students felt comfortable enough to ask difficult questions and clarify and consolidate their understanding. The Year 8 environment project presentations were also particularly refreshing for several classes who had the pleasure of Governors in attendance! It enabled them to put forward their views about stewardship in the context of the school environment and what that means to them as BWS students.

Our prefects this year did an excellent job running the popular Philosophy Club with requests from lower years for more frequency of sessions. The topics ranged from 'what makes us good?' to 'what is the purpose of life?'. Quite cleverly the RS prefects brought in more exciting and controversial topics from their A level RS course and created debate and discussion groups within the Club. Next years' RS prefects have a lot to live up to .... Lastly, efforts continue to create new links with more places of worship and recognise more worldviews to prepare our students to engage in a complex multi-faith and multi-secular world. (Mrs B Kaur, Head of RS & Philosophy)

**The Chaplaincy:** We packed a lot into 2022-3, my second year as Chaplain at Bishop Wordsworth's, but some memories will stay with me for a long time.

The first set of memories comes from the Spring term services in the Cathedral. For our January service we took the theme of fleeing from one's homeland and explored, in words and music, the account of Mary and Joseph fleeing from King Herod and seeking refuge in Egypt. Two of our Year 12 students, Homam Khasreen and Sasha Yahofarov, showed incredible courage in telling us of their experience of leaving their homelands of Syria and Ukraine. Spontaneous applause erupted for them both that rippled to every row. Few of us will ever forget it. Later, in March, our outstanding Cathedral Prefect, Toby Runyard designed, organised and led our Cathedral service. I normally consider this a pretty complex operation but Toby's drive, good humour and imagination were infectious. It was a warm and joyous service, fitting for the Year 13s final service with us.

The second memory was more temperature than liturgically related. In early March we were the largest school group at the annual Alabare sleepout in the Cathedral. The weather was brutal this year with sub-zero temperatures and a significant wind-chill. We went to sleep to the most beautiful moonrise above the Cathedral cloisters however and awoke (if we'd actually slept!) to the sound of the peregrines and to snow flurries scurrying across the cedar trees to our sleeping bags. I was so impressed by our 48 Year 12 students and wonderful colleagues who came with me. We raised well over £4000 when gift aid was added to our total. At a time when the cost of living and food prices impact the most vulnerable most severely, they made a real difference and we look forward to returning next year, possibly with Dr. Smallwood!

Finally, 2022-23 was the year that Bishop's began to develop a very special relationship with the Roman Catholic Church that we face across Exeter Street. Our great friends at the Cathedral had already come to our rescue when fire regulations meant we could no longer have whole year groups in the Chapel, but it was a delight to also be able to start Monday mornings in St. Osmund's. This beautiful Church, designed by the 19<sup>th</sup> century architect, Pugin, has enabled us to keep year groups together and has offered us the warmest of welcomes. We all look forward to developing this relationship and look forward to 2023-4 with hope! (Revd Canon Dr Stella Wood)

**Sailing Club:** We again planned on having two five week sessions of 12 students each at Blashford Lakes, Ringwood this summer term, but it is always difficult predicting what problems may arise. As it turned out we took 16 students down for one, six week session.

The weather has been glorious this term with just enough wind to make the experience fun. The students have enjoyed themselves and have behaved



superbly. The new trainer has been very thorough, getting them on to advanced techniques earlier.

Every Tuesday we leave by 16:00 and it takes us 25 minutes to get to the lakes. When the students have changed, fetched their safety gear and had some preliminary instruction on land, they take to the boats (two per boat, to start with and then single-handed). They get about an hour on the water before changing and driving back to school arriving about 18:45.

In September they have an opportunity to complete their RYA1 with another five or six week session starting on 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> September (to be confirmed) and we will accommodate all of the current cohort who wish to continue; they will all have the opportunity to proceed.

Thank you for the enthusiasm of the boys and the support of all the parents.  
(Mr J G Browning, Sailing Club Coordinator)

## **HOUSE REPORT**

Boules, Chess, Photography, Poetry... Just some of the fields in which students competed in 2022-23 in their quest to win the House Cup. Alongside these new events were the usual big hitters. The House Music Festival, organised by Mr Edney, gave our talented musicians the chance to showcase their incredible skills to an ever-enthusiastic audience. Poore House took the music crown this year, after a phenomenal set of performances. Sports Day, led by Mr Hole, was blessed by glorious weather and even more glorious ability and enthusiasm on the track and in the field, with all students doing themselves and their Houses proud. Again, Poore House ran out winners by a narrow margin. Towards the end of the year, the new Senior Prefects enjoyed a night at Great Yews, ready to encourage their Year 7 groups to bring home the last few points available in the House Cup. The beauty of the House Cup is that so many things can contribute to the overall title, and over the course of the year, with all events, distinctions and competitions taken into account, **WARD** ran out the eventual winners, and have their name written on the House Cup for 2022-23! This is a significant victory, as it is Ward's first House Cup victory ever! Huge thanks must go to the outgoing House Captains for their commitment to inspiring our students and delivering memorable assemblies. Thanks too to Mr Oldham, Mr Duckett, Mr Thorne, Mrs Brennan and Mr Owen, who have motivated their students to get involved and compete.

The new academic year brings with it a change in management of the House System, and I have the great honour of leading the House system along with my fantastic team of House Captains. It is our aim that every curriculum area will be represented in House competitions and the House Cup. Behaviour, Rewards, Attendance, Distinctions and Commendations will continue to contribute points, and the wide range of extra-curricular activities will become

opportunities to gain points for our Houses. Every student from Year 7 to 13 will have the opportunity to compete in or contribute to the accumulation of House Points. Things to look out for this year will include 'live' House noticeboards, which celebrate achievements and advertise upcoming events or competitions. Also, a new Instagram account, @BWSHouses will bring together the 5 House accounts, and provide photos of the students in action along with live updates on the House standings. Furthermore, parents can expect to receive a termly newsletter with updates from House events. I want all students to feel that they are helping to mould the identity of their House, and that they feel a sense of collective responsibility for their House's representation in events and competitions. This promises to be an exciting year and a thrilling competition, and I hope the students are looking forward to being a part of it. (Mr A Green, House System Manager)

## **BWS A level outcomes August 2023**

The numbers for our Year 13 are impressive. Over 75% of the grades were at A\*-B; at 190 this was our biggest year group yet. Our students secured 20 places to study at Oxford and Cambridge. Some 52 of our boys and girls gained all of their results at A\*/A grade, and an extraordinary 13 at the top of the year group passed every A level paper that they took at A\*. The strength of their performance will have once again put their school in the premier league this year. What an amazing set of outcomes!

Two years ago this year group were entering new territory. They had not been tested fully at GCSE, they were by some way our biggest coeducational year group so far and the environment for study was still blighted by the aftershocks of the pandemic. They have worked well and, supported by parents and challenged by teachers they have had a wonderful two years learning and maturing here in the heart of The Close. I am hugely proud of them all, and it's so very exciting to see and hear about their plans for what is to come next.

## **BWS GCSE outcomes August 2023**

In the run up to this set of Key Stage 4 results the message from the exam boards was clear – school should expect a reduction from the previous high levels towards the outcomes in summer 2019. That is what has happened this year and, while the reduction from 2022 is fairly stark the outcomes are still very good for this set of students. The 155 boys in Bishop's Year 11 gained nearly 64% of all of their papers at Grades 7-9, with 33 of the year group passing all of their papers at one of the top three grades.

This set of results comes at the end of several years' determined effort for boys who had experienced education that was punctuated by the pandemic of course. They have been helped through those difficult times by the determination and creativity of their teachers, and the unwavering support of parents. They've done well, and, most importantly, will have gained the qualifications that they need for the next stage. For most that will mean A levels with us, but I wish all of our Year 11 good fortune wherever their next steps may lead...

**Dr S D Smallwood**  
**Head Master, Bishop Wordsworth's School**

## DESTINATIONS 2023

Aitken	Angus	Durham University	Politics and International Relations
Alani	Tamara	Durham University	Economics with Study Abroad
Allen	Samson	Arts University Bournemouth	Art Foundation
Anderson	Archibald	Gap year: University of Exeter	History
Argyle	Jacob	University of Plymouth	Medicine
Badger	Daisy	Gap year: University of Bath	Sport and Exercise Science
Badger	Oliver	University of Exeter	Psychology
Bagshaw	Ollie	Gap year	
Bailey	Lukas	Lancaster University	Medicine and Surgery
Barnes	Jack	University of Nottingham	Mechanical Engineering
Basinger-Adams	Grace	Gap year: University of Nottingham	Veterinary Medicine
Bedford	Andrew	University of Birmingham	Mechanical Engineering
Beech	Shannon	University of Birmingham	Medicine
Binu	Benedict	University of Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Bishop	Odin	University of Bristol	Mathematics and Philosophy
Bluffield	Eve	The University of Edinburgh	Social Anthropology and Politics
Bone	Benjamin	University of Leeds	Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering
Bonner	Amelia	University of Sheffield	Biomedical Science
Branagan	Oliver	Gap Year	
Brown	Elijah	University of Southampton	Aeronautics and Astronautics / Aerodynamics
Buck	Joshua	Gap year: LSE	Economics
Budge	Amelia	University of Birmingham	Politics and International Relations with Year Abroad
Bullifent	Sophie	University of Sheffield	Business Management
Campbell	Merlin	Gap year: University of Bristol	Physics and Philosophy
Cartlidge	Grace	Central St Martins	Art Foundation
Chalcraft	Kaitlyn	Cardiff University	Human Geography and Planning
Chatwin	Alexander	University of Bristol	Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Cheung	Aaron	University of Exeter	Computer Science
Childers	Liam	University of Manchester	Biomedical Sciences
Clark	Montgomery	Royal Birmingham Conservatoire	Music
Cooper	Emily	Gap year	
Cordina	Reuben	University of Oxford	Medicine
Cowey	Sophie	Gap year: University of the West of England	Sports Business and Entrepreneurship
Cowlam	Oliver	Gap year: University of Sussex	Accounting and Finance
Cox	Tabitha	University of Leeds	Psychology
Crummack	Sidney	Gap year: applying to university	
Curry	Daniel	University of Manchester	Physics
Dakin	Alec	University of Oxford	Materials Science
Dalton	Ruby	Gap year	
Daszkiewicz	Tobias	Degree apprenticeship	
Davidson	Liam	Gap year: University of Leicester	Politics and International Relations
Day	Max	University of Oxford	Mathematics
Depner	Kyla	Royal Holloway	Psychology, Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience

Dinkele	Jacob	University of Exeter	Geography with Applied GIS
Dolphin	Barnaby	University of Bath	Mathematics
Donaldson	Oscar	Swansea University	Accounting & Finance
Duffield	Thomas	University of Oxford	Psychology and Linguistics
Eady	Corbin	Gap year	
Edmunds	Samuel	Gap year: Bath Spa University	Sports Management
Edwards	Abi	University of Exeter	Neuroscience
Ewen Benns	Emilia	University of Sussex	Biomedical Science
Eyres	James	Gap year: University of Plymouth	Business Management
Fell	Henry	Gap year: Cardiff University	English Literature and Philosophy
Findlay	Madelyn	Gap year	
Forder	Ethan	University of Reading	Geography (Human and Physical)
Fowler	Joshua	University of Exeter	Resource and Exploration Geology
Francis-Pollin	Luca	Royal Holloway	Psychology
French	Joseph	Loughborough University	Architecture (with placement year)
French	William	University of Bristol	Chemistry
Gande	George	University of Oxford	Chemistry
Ghiandoni	Gemma	Gap year: University College London	French and Philosophy
Goodwin	Howard	University of Exeter	Accounting and Finance
Graves	Robert	Swansea University	Politics and International Relations
Gregory	Thomas	University of Bath	Mathematics
Gurung	Eshneha	Gap year	Reapplying
Gyepi-Garbrah	Ruby	Cardiff University	Radiotherapy and Oncology
Hackett	William	University of Manchester	Medicine
Hallinger	George	Study in Japan	
Hammond	Joe	Gap year: University of Warwick	Psychology
Hammond	Benjamin	Gap year	
Hancock	Jamie	University of Plymouth	Integrated Engineering
Hansen	Dylan	University of Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Hayes	Presley	Gap year: University of York	Business and Management
Heath-Ourakov	Leon	Gap year: Reapplying to university	International Business and Modern Languages
Holloway	Poppy	Gap year: Falmouth University	Creative Events Management
Holmes	Jacob	Gap year	
Horgan	Daisy	Gap year: Cardiff University	Philosophy
Howard	Samuel	Newcastle University	Ancient History
Hubert	Frederick	University of Manchester	Mathematics and Philosophy
Hunnibell	Phoebe	Gap year: Bournemouth University	Physiotherapy
Hunt	Edward	University of the West of England	Cyber Security and Digital Forensics
James	Thomas	University of Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Jamieson	Savannah	University of Glasgow	Veterinary Medicine
Jones	Brian	University of Bristol	Law
Josa	Louis	Gap year: reapplying to university	
Josty	Bronwen	University of Kent	Law
Kemal	Leo	Gap year: Swansea University	Philosophy
Kemp	Benjamin	Oxford Brookes University	Law with Business
Kewish	Ted	Gap year	

Kukreja	Sebastian	University of Manchester	Aerospace Engineering
Lee	Jacob	Gap year: University of Bath	Business with work placement
Lesbirel	Callum	University of Bath	Integrated Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
Liang	Luke	University of Oxford	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Limbu	Riyaas	Cardiff University	Medicinal Chemistry
Lloyd	Seth	The University of Edinburgh	Physics
Ludford-Trigwell	Mathilda	Employment	
Lyttle	Erin	Gap year	
Madzarevic	Molly	University of Southampton	Physiotherapy
Makin	Lara	Gap year: University of Exeter	Liberal Arts
Mansfield	Paul	University of York	Actuarial Science
Maxwell	Benjamin	University of Birmingham	Modern Languages with Business Management
McCuaig	Sophie	University of Plymouth	Paramedic Science
Mcintyre	Karis	Gap year: University of Exeter	Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Meller Higton	Hal	Durham University	Archaeology
Miles	Dan	University of Bath	Natural Sciences
Minto	Isabella	Gap year: University of York	History of Art
Mitchell	Guy	Harper Adams University	Rural Enterprise and Land Management
Mohammed	Tanzim	University of Warwick	Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics, Economics
Monteith	Finlay	University of Exeter	Accounting and Finance
Moodley	Alexander	University of Manchester	Psychology
Mousavi Najafi	Yasmin	Royal Holloway	Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Murn	Jack	Gap Year: University of Plymouth	Mechanical Engineering
Murphy	Bronwyn	Gap year	
Murray	Jude	University of Oxford	Mathematics
Nichols	Freddy	University of Manchester	Physics with Theoretical Physics
Nixon	Joseph	University of Manchester	Earth and Planetary Sciences
Norton	Elizabeth	University of Oxford	Physics
Oldfield	Kitty	Gap year: Cardiff University	Biological Sciences
O'Malley	Conor	University of Southampton	Physics
Ono-Sorhue	Jite	University of Brighton	Sport and Exercise Science
Osman	Isaac	Gap year	
Owen	Harrison	Gap year	
Parker	Joe	University of Cambridge	Engineering
Pearce	Martha	Gap year: University of Bristol	Modern Languages
Perianez-Navarro	Belen	University of Warwick	Health and Medical Sciences
Phillips	Jack	University of Exeter	Medicine
Pinnock	Edward	Gap year: University of Cambridge	History and Politics
Pope	Olivia	Keele University	Biomedical Science
Port	Benjamin	Gap year: University of Exeter	Exercise and Sport Sciences
Prior	Thomas	Gap year: University of Exeter	History
Purcell	Emma	Employment	
Puryer	Amy	University of Kent	Psychology
Qureshi	Yousuf	King's College London	Dentistry
Ramachandra	Rohit	Cardiff University	Medicine

Reavill	Finn	Gap year: University of Birmingham	Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences
Riley	Emma	Gap year	
Roberts	George	Gap year: Cardiff University	Financial Mathematics
Robson	Ollie	Gap year	
Rodriguez	Jack	Gap year: University of Exeter	Geography
Rojas-Hindmarsh	Adam	University of Warwick	Physics
Runyard	Toby	Durham University	Geography
Ruscoe	Ellie	Arts University Bournemouth	Art Foundation
Samuel	Jonathan	University of Exeter	Medicine
Sanders	Erin	Gap year: reapplying to university	
Sen	Anushka	Gap Year	Reapplying
Sheppard	William	Lancaster University	History
Shibu	Nikhil	University of Birmingham	Mechanical Engineering with Industrial Year
Simmonds	Jacob	University of Cambridge	Law
Simmons	Joseph	University of Brighton	Philosophy, Politics, Ethics
Sinclair	Jonathan	Gap year: University of York	Psychology
Smith	George	Gap year: University of Bristol	Social Policy with Criminology
Smith	Alexander	University Centre Farnborough	Aeronautical Engineering
Smith	Charlotte	University of Exeter	Marketing and Management with Year Abroad
Smith	Brandon	University of Winchester	Accounting & Finance
Smith	Joseph	Gap year	
Stacey	Jack	Gap year	
Stapleton	Dominic	University of Manchester	Mathematics and Physics
Stevenson	Alexander	University of Bath	Computer Science
Stirland	Thomas	Solent University	Law
Strutton	Oliver	Loughborough University	Product Design Engineering
Sutthery	Thomas	Lancaster University	Medicine and Surgery
Swannell	Emily	Royal Holloway	History
Syed	Neha	Cardiff University	Architecture
Tan	Christian	Imperial College London	Civil Engineering
Taylor	Isabella	Gap year: Swansea University	Law
Taylor	Raphael	University of Warwick	History and Politics
Tennett	Scott	Gap year	
Thompson	Matthew	Cardiff University	Accounting and Finance
Tolley	Isabella	Stony Brook University, New York	Liberal Arts and Sciences
Totman	Lucy	Keele University	Physiotherapy
Tune	Harvey	University of York	History/Politics (Equal)
Turner	Seth	Gap year: University of Reading	Accounting and Finance
Valjak	Oskar	Gap year: University of Exeter	Law with Business
Waite	Oscar	Gap year	
Walls	Dominic	University of Oxford	Materials Science
Ward	Charlie	University of Bristol	Business and Management
Wardroper	Harvey	Imperial College London	Aeronautical Engineering
Waters	Poppy	Gap year: Cardiff University	English Literature
Webb	Syd	Falmouth University	Game Animation
Webster	Benjamin	Durham University	Geology

White	Isak	Apprenticeship	Bank of England
Whitehorn	Hugo	Gap year: University of East Anglia	Business Management with a Year Abroad
Woodhouse	Rosie	Gap Year: Applying to a conservatoire	
Woods	William	Gap year	
Wooldridge	Scott	University of Southampton	Marine Biology
Wordley	Benjamin	Cardiff University	Accounting and Finance
Wyatt	Hannah	University of Lincoln	Classical Studies
Xie	Melody	University of Bath	Psychology
Young	Callum	Lancaster University	Zoology
Zervas	Nickolaos	University of Southampton	Physics

<b>Leavers and Reapplicants</b>			
Balshaw	Maxwell	University of Bristol	Accounting and Management
Barrett	Perdita	Cardiff University	Biomedical Sciences
Bate	Oliver	Cardiff University	Politics
Brittain	Adam	University of Manchester	Linguistics and German
Bunyan	Penelope	University of Manchester	Comparative Religion and Social Anthropology
Carthew	Ryan	Swansea University	Computer Science
Cordingly	Thomas	University of Manchester	History
Cowlam	Adam	University of Exeter	Medicine
Crompton	Toni	Cardiff University	Biomedical Science
Davies	Samuel	Cardiff University	Biological Sciences
Doherty	Maya	University of Bristol	Environmental Geoscience with Study Abroad
Donovan	Patrick	Cardiff University	Biomedical Science
Durrant	Tom	University of Exeter	International Relations
Fielder	Patrick	Cardiff University	Medicine
Hammond	Jessica	University of Cambridge	Human, Social, and Political Sciences
Harrold	William	University of Bristol	Psychology
Hopkins	Jamie	University of Oxford	French and Beginners' Czech (with Slovak)
Howarth-Jones	Tessa	Oxford Brookes University	Accounting and Economics
Hyncica	David	University College London	History
James	Alice	University of Birmingham	Digital Media and Communications
Jones	Samuel	University of Birmingham	Chemical Engineering
Kealey	Callum	University of Birmingham	Physics
Keyte	Sebastian	Newcastle University	Combined Honours
Knight	Barnaby	University of Oxford	Biology
Lambard	Phoebe	University of Oxford	English Language and Literature
Mackie	Mark	University of Bath	Chemical Engineering with Environmental Engineering
McGrath	Jed	University of the West of England	Business Management and Leadership
Morris	Henry	University of the West of England	Criminology and Law
Packman	James	University of Birmingham	Chemistry
Pereira	Rafaela	University of the West of England	Psychology
Phillips	Oliver	University of the West of England	Business Management and Marketing
Popovici	Ilinca	Queen Mary University of London	Law
Roberts	Christian	Cardiff University	Computer Science



Royle	Martha	University of the West of England	Psychology
Shakil	Mustafa	University of Manchester	Medicine
Sharps	Joshua	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Psychology
Shobbrook	Matthew	University of the West of England	Business and Law
Snow	Benjamin	University of South Wales	Accounting and Finance
Steggel	Ella	University of Reading	Psychology and Philosophy
Sutherland	Charlotte	University of Oxford	Medicine
Sweeney	Anthony	Cardiff University	Accounting and Finance
Taylor-Holland	Isaac	Loughborough University	Sport and Exercise Psychology
Totman	William	University of Exeter	Medical Sciences
Travis	Gabriel	University of Manchester	Music
Tribe	Alexander	University of the West of England	Real Estate
Ulbricht	Hannes	University of Bath	Mathematics

## **GRADUATIONS OF OLD WORDSWORTHIANS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Subject/Degree</b>
Christian Dobson	Manchester	1 <sup>st</sup> Biology with Spanish
Tom Boxer	Exeter	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Sciences
Ben Connolly	Exeter	1 <sup>st</sup> Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Jude Rolfe-Tarrant	Southampton	2:1 Psychology
Harry Norris	Bath	1 <sup>st</sup> Chemical Engineering
Joe Paden	Bristol	2:1 BSc Biomedical Science



***In loving memory of Erin Grace Lauder OW (4 June 2004 – 30 April 2023)  
Forever in our thoughts and prayers***



Dr Smallwood joined Bishop Wordsworth's School from Sir Thomas Rich's School in Gloucester in 1998 as Deputy Headmaster and teacher of Geography and History, helping to establish Geology as a new subject at the school. In 2002 he was appointed Headmaster following Clive Barnett's retirement.

He has steered the school through its expansion plans, the change to academy status, the challenges of the Covid pandemic, the welcome return of girls to the school and two successive outstanding OFSTED inspections in 2006 and 2022. Dr Smallwood has also been responsible for major changes to the school site over his tenure including the construction of the E Block (2002), The Sports Hall (2004), The Sixth Form Block (2010), the addition of the new Maths block (2017) and the purchase of Bishopgate (2022).

The staff and Governors of Bishop Wordsworth's School would like to thank him for his enormous dedication and contribution to the School over the last 25 years. They will miss his dry wit, calm demeanour and unwavering support. He leaves a lasting legacy of which he can be justifiably very proud.

## **With thanks ...**

The quality of educational experience that we can offer for the boys and girls at BWS would not be the same were it not for the hard work, help and commitment of a large number of people from the Salisbury area and beyond. This is our chance to say thank you to all the many employers, both locally and nationally, who have offered work experience placements (and also internships) to our pupils, and to our visiting speakers in Sciences, Humanities, Politics and Languages, from the judiciary, from industry, from NGO's and others; they do so much to enrich what we offer for our students.

Large numbers of parents help with our pupils' sporting commitments, whether it be by coaching or accompanying teams, travelling to fixtures or supporting on those cold, wet touchlines through the Autumn (and occasionally Spring) Terms – thank you for your unfailing energy and enthusiasm. It's great that so many parents help and support their efforts in public speaking and debating, Duke of Edinburgh, Choir, Music and so many other activities where transport, time and logistical know-how are such essential and basic requirements. Expeditions and trips cannot happen without parental subsidy – we can only put on what we do ultimately because mums and dads and grandparents willingly foot the bill; our boys and girls gain so much experience because the costs of an exciting educational programme is underwritten by long-suffering family members! Thank you also to the very large number of parents who support their sons and daughters through paying for music lessons and then encouraging practice (from sometimes slightly recalcitrant musicians) at home – school music would be very much poorer were it not for you!

Thank you especially to the BWS Parents' Association, the Old Wordsworthians' Association, the BWS Foundation and our fantastic diaspora of Wordsworthians who help in fundraising and supporting the school so generously. It is marvellous to see the growing size and reach of the BWS Network, and fascinating to see and hear messages of goodwill from across the World from our wonderful alumni!

Thank you to the very large number of parents who have contributed towards 'Aiming for Excellence', the BWS Gift Aid Scheme; this simply wouldn't be the same school without your support; you make things possible which would otherwise be beyond our students' reach. Thank you to those who have already supported our 'Pitch In' appeal to enhance our sports facilities at Britford Lane – and if you are reading this and want to get involved then please do, but by this Christmas at the latest!

Finally, thank you to all the dedicated and hard-working staff who have helped our students gain the fantastic successes described in this programme. We can all be very proud of what we have achieved together, and we can look forward with confidence to the even better times to come.

**Dr S D Smallwood**  
**Head Master, Bishop Wordsworth's School**

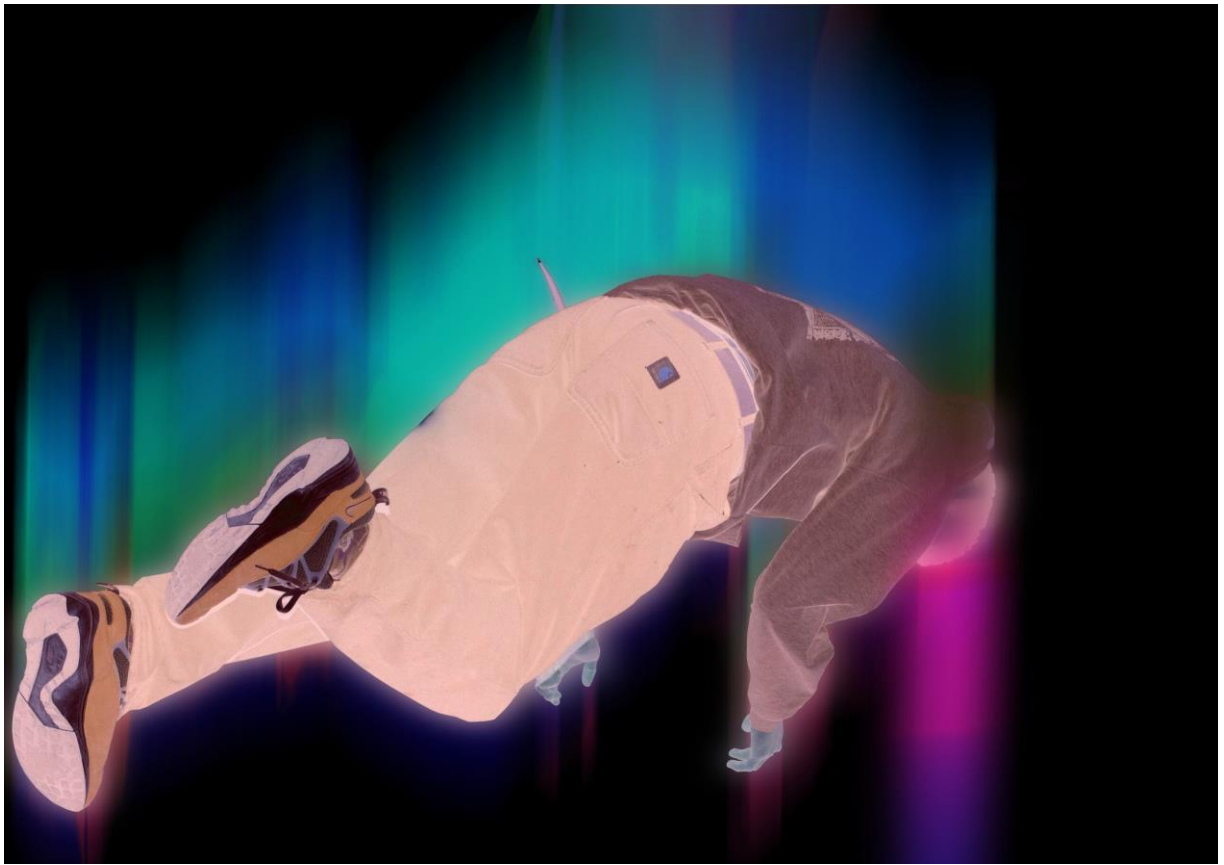
## STAFF 2023 – 2024 AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

<b>LEADERSHIP TEAM</b>		
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Charlotte Johnson	[CIJ]	Art & Music Technician
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Jade Salmon		Catering Assistant
Elaine Waters		Catering Assistant
Jessica Williams		Catering Assistant
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Samuel Edmunds	[SJE]	Undergraduate Assistant (Sport)
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Poppy Holloway - Year 13





Neha Syed - Year 13



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Charlie Paden – Year 11



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