



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very proud to introduce my final BUCHS Newsletter. The variety and quality of enrichment contained in it is a testament to the talent and hard work of our Ursuline students, the dedication of our staff and the support of you parents.

Congratulations to everyone featured in this edition and thank you to all those who have graced the pages of the Newsletter over the years: you are what makes the Ursuline so remarkable.

I wish you a very restful and restorative summer break.

Dr Richard Wilkin MA, EdD, Headteacher

Thank You, Dr Richard Wilkin

As we come to the end of the academic year, we bid a fond farewell to our Headteacher, Dr Richard Wilkin, as he retires after fourteen years of dedicated leadership at Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School.

During his time as Headteacher, Dr Wilkin has led the school through significant moments in its history with wisdom, integrity and unwavering commitment. Under his leadership, the school has become and remained the highest-performing non-selective school in the county, with academic excellence, high expectations and care for every young person at the heart of all that we do.

His vision has shaped the future of the school in many ways, including the introduction of our co-educational Sixth Form, the development of the new Sixth Form Centre, and countless improvements to our school environment. He has also made a significant contribution to Catholic education more widely, supporting other schools and helping to develop future Headteachers through the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH).

Those who know Dr Wilkin will also recognise his warmth, humour and genuine care for our school community. He has been a mentor to many colleagues and an inspiration to generations of students, always encouraging curiosity, scholarship and a love of learning.

As Dr Wilkin begins a well-earned retirement, we thank him for his outstanding service to Brentwood Ursuline. His legacy will be seen not only in our buildings and our continued academic success, but most importantly in the lives of the thousands of young people whose education has been shaped by his leadership.

On behalf of our governors, staff, students, parents and the wider school community, we wish Richard, and his family every happiness for the future.

Uniform Donations

The school would welcome donations of pre-loved uniform in good condition. Specifically we need skirts, jumpers, plain yellow blouses and blazers

Unfortunately, we are not able to accept the old style striped blouses or PE kit with a name/initials embroidered onto them.



Thank you in advance for your support.

The Big Future Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, has written to BUCHS to ask our students to complete her survey 'The Big Future' - link below:

"I am asking for your support in ensuring children and young people from your school take part here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

It is crucial that I hear from children in every school and college, in every community, across the country. Without hearing from your students, their experiences, views and aspirations risk being missing from the national picture that will help shape future policy.

At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policy making. Through this survey, I can take the voices of your students directly to the centre of government."

Click on this link for more information: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/>



We encourage our students to take part in this survey.

Brescia and Lake Garda Trip 22-25th June

Following a very early start, we arrived at Lake Garda where we stopped at Malcasine Cable Car. After a 1760m ascent, we were amazed by the spectacular views across the entire area of Lake Garda. Students enjoyed a chilled evening at the hotel.



Tuesday 23rd June

On this day, we explored the city of Verona. We followed a guided tour, where we learnt about The Arena (the inspiration for the Colosseum), the Roman landmarks as well as visiting the famous balcony of Juliet. In the afternoon, we visited the Basilica of St Anastasia and the Duomo Church, before sampling the local gelato. On this evening, students took part in a quiz night before cheering on England in the World Cup.



Brescia and Lake Garda Trip Continued

Wednesday 24th June

This was a very special day; a day we hope our Year 12 students look back on with fond memories for many years.

In the morning, we explored Brescia, the place in which St Angela Merici died. We visited the Church dedicated to her, where her relics lay in rest. As a group, we prayed our school prayer, keeping in our prayers staff and students of BUCHS. The sacristan was overwhelmed by our visit and became very emotional. She prayed for us all and allowed us access to the room St Angela passed away in – a place not accessible to the general public. We later visited the beautiful town of Desenzano, where St Angela's family home is. We sampled the gelato in the shops surrounding her statue. From here, we had the privilege of meeting Sr Armida, an Ursuline Sister who lives in St. Angela's house. Our students shared stories of Brentwood Ursuline, with our Deputy Head Student presenting gifts from BUCHS. We visited St Angela's bedroom, where she slept on a wooden block and mat - a reminder of her sacrifice.



Thursday 25th June

After four days of 40 degrees in the Italian heatwave, our Brescia and Lake Garda journey has come to an end. We spent the day enjoying the sun in Peschiera and Sirmione, where we took a private boat tour around the historic castle.

Brescia and Lake Garda Trip Continued



PE

Amazing Golf Success

Lily H in Year 12 is having an incredible year! The next two pages chart her recent accomplishments and successes on the golf course.



Outstanding Golf Success for Lily

We are delighted to celebrate an outstanding achievement by Lily H in Year 12, who recently represented the school and won the 36-hole England Schools South East Region Girls Championship at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club.

Not only did Lily claim the individual championship title, but she also played a key role in helping the Essex Girls School Team secure the South East Region Team Championship. This was the biggest victory of Lily's golfing career and a significant milestone as she continues her pursuit of a scholarship to a university in the United States.

Lily's success has earned her qualification for the England Schools National Finals and she will proudly represent BUCHS at this prestigious event.

Lily should be extremely proud of herself and all she has accomplished. The PE Department is immensely proud of her dedication, commitment, and success, and we wish her every success at the National Finals.

Miss Newman, Teacher of PE



Above: Lily with June Morgan, Women's coordinator at the Essex Schools Golf Association



Further Success for Lily in the West of England Amateur Open Ladies Championships

Last month, building on her incredible accomplishments at the England Schools South East Region Championships, Lily went on to win the Costeloe Trophy with a 4 under par nett total and finished 4th overall with a 2 over par gross total in the 36 holes West of England Amateur Open Ladies Championships. It was played off the Men's White Tees at Bath Golf Club around the longest course she has ever played at 6,464 yards. She is absolutely thrilled to have done so well and we are all thrilled for her!

Huge congratulations Lily, we are so proud of you!

PE Continued

Amazing Golf Success

Lily is crowned England Schools U19 National Golf Champion!

We are delighted to share that Lily has now been crowned England Schools U19 National Golf Champion following an outstanding performance at the National Finals.

After narrowly missing out on victory the day before in the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Championships, Lily showed excellent resilience and determination to bounce back strongly. She produced composed rounds of golf across the final day to secure her first national title, finishing level par and winning by four shots.

This achievement means Lily has earned a full England Schools Cap and has also been selected to Captain the England Schools National Team in their international fixture against Wales in August.





YEAR 8 TRIP TO PARIS

MAY 2026

In May half term, a group of year 8 travelled to Paris for 4 days in the beautiful sunshine - here are some of our photos and some reviews from the trip - we are already looking forward to going back next year! - Mrs Yates

In my opinion the Paris trip was great. I really got to enjoy all of the landmarks as well as learning about the history of Paris and honestly it is such a beautiful city full of so much architecture. I really enjoyed going to the Eiffel Gardens as being up close to the Eiffel Tower was surreal. Overall, amazing trip and I would like to go to Paris again at some point in my life.
Milana A

The Paris Trip was fun but also very educational, with one of my favourite destinations being the Louvre Museum, with all of the beautiful artwork that we saw and the architecture in Paris just made me in awe. It was definitely a memorable experience, with all of the delicious pastries, beautiful streets and memories made. Arabella C



I really enjoyed the Paris trip despite the hot weather ☀️. It was amazing to walk around the city, see all the famous monuments, and experience so many new things. I had a lot of fun and made memories that I will never forget. Joann A

Curriculum Enrichment

Our Year 7-9 students came off timetable on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July to experience a range of activities and events designed to broaden their understanding beyond the curriculum. Here are just some of the topics they covered.

Year 7 History Comes Alive—The Tudors



Left and below: One of the Tudor themed escape rooms with Mr Earle



Above: Tudor fashion Masterclass with Mrs Strachan



Below: Creating Tudor Music



A Tudor dance masterclass led by Mrs Hilder



Curriculum Enrichment Continued



On the Friday, Year 7 participated in a 'Tropical Rainforests Under Threat' themed day organised by Miss Belcher from the Geography Department. This day significantly enhanced their understanding of content delivered in their Geography lessons this year and helped develop important meta skills such as co-operation, communication and creativity. We were visited by Ranger Stu and his animals to discover how animals adapt to survive in the tropical rainforest biome and had the opportunity to see their adaptations up close. The snake actually shredded it's skin during the presentation which was particularly amazing to see! Students took part in an Eco Swaps workshop to discover eco-friendly swaps which can easily be introduced into our daily routine and reduce the impact on the planet. Other activities included designing their own reusable shopping bag and delivering a speech focused on the UN Sustainable Development goals.



Above: Learning about Tudor life including costume



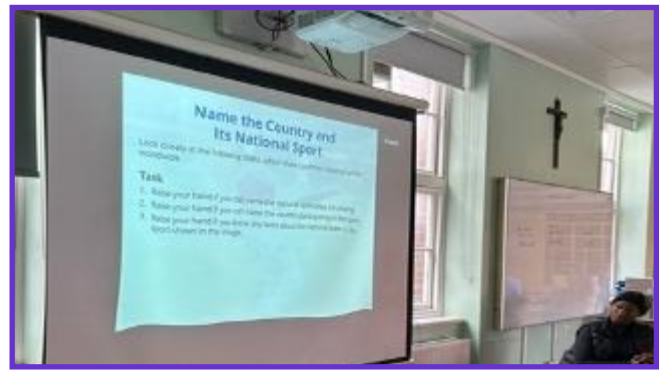
Above: Taking inspiration from Tudor painter Hans Holbein The Younger but with a modern and mixed media twist!



Curriculum Enrichment Continued



Year 8's Day 1 theme was 'Beyond the Curriculum' covering Geography in Sport, an escape room activity and a really interesting talk from members of the prison service led by HMP Services.



On the Friday, supported by their Science teachers, Year 8 worked towards the nationally recognised CREST Award, run by the British Science Association. More information on the CREST Award can be found on the next page.

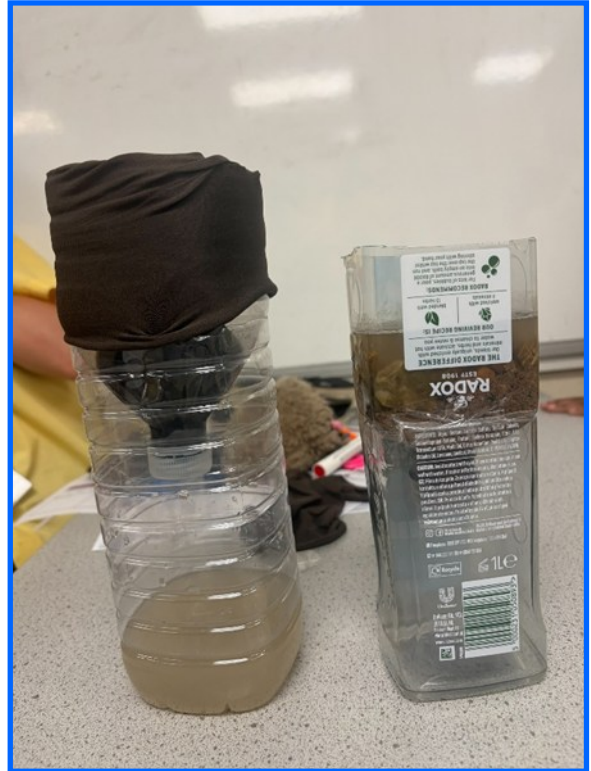
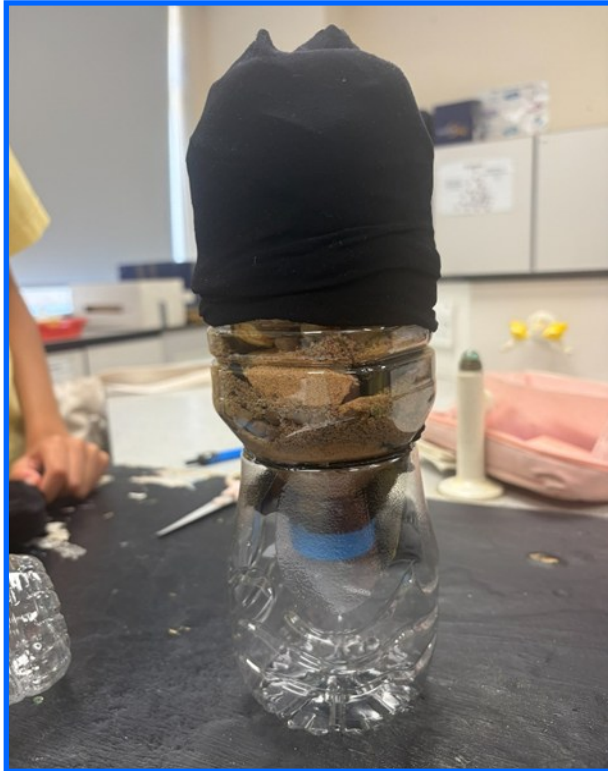


Year 8 students grading the clarity of their water sample

Curriculum Enrichment Continued

Year 8 CREST Award

On Friday 3rd July, all Year 8 students completed a Discovery CREST Award. This was focused around a Global Goal of 'clean water'. Students spent the morning discussing the importance of this, ethical and political barriers, before devising their own device to clean dirty water.



Students really enjoyed their day:

"It was an activity that brought our friendships closer together as we problem solved when we found an issue." Emily

"Fun, creative and challenging. I was able to relate my work to real life problems." Aoife

"I enjoyed being able to problem solve and figure out different solutions on how I could try and make something better." Neytiri

"I enjoyed learning about why having clean water is so important and it made me feel grateful for everything I have." Andrea

"We made filters out of plastic bottles to efficiently filter dirty water into clearer water to help fix the water situation around the globe." Yanna

"I really enjoyed working with my friends and being creative with them to build the filtration system. It was one of the most fun experiences I have probably ever had at school. I loved it because it was a fun and enjoyable day". Naomi

Curriculum Enrichment Continued



8A creating their water filtration system

Year 9 took part in a very active CAFOD Refugee Day.

They stepped into the shoes of refugees fleeing their home countries and acted out the type of journey they might face in an attempt to get to safety.

They were also challenged in their teams to build a shelter that could withstand the weather (a bucket of 'rain water' Mr Moore used as a test!) Each team all had the same specific items to use.



Mr Moore testing just how watertight each shelter was!



Cultural Diversity Week

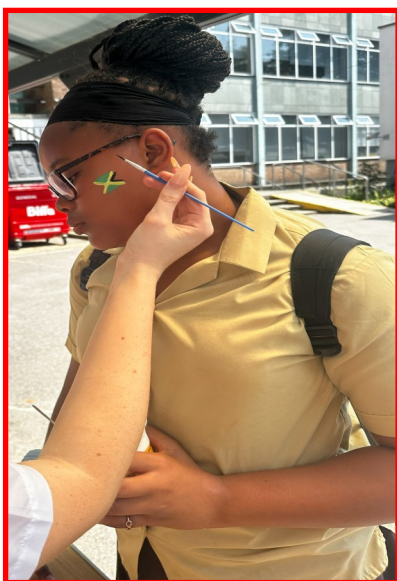
As part of our commitment to being *United in Harmony* and our school value of *Duty*, our Cultural Diversity Celebrations were a fantastic success, bringing our school community together to recognise and celebrate the richness of our diverse backgrounds.



Throughout the week, students took part in a range of subject-led activities that explored different cultures and traditions from around the world. Form groups competed enthusiastically in a cultural diversity quiz, while our non-uniform day saw students proudly wearing traditional cultural dress or the colours of a national flag. Face painting added to the vibrant atmosphere, and the celebrations culminated in a wonderful performance that showcased the incredible talent and diversity within our school.

It was inspiring to celebrate over **70 cultures** represented across our school community. Our students embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, respect and pride, demonstrating how diversity strengthens us and reminds us that, although we come from many different backgrounds, we are truly **United in Harmony**.

Miss Sanders



Above left to right: Anaiyah in 7T, Francesca in 8C, 8B with form tutor Ms Nsubuga

Cultural Diversity Week Continued



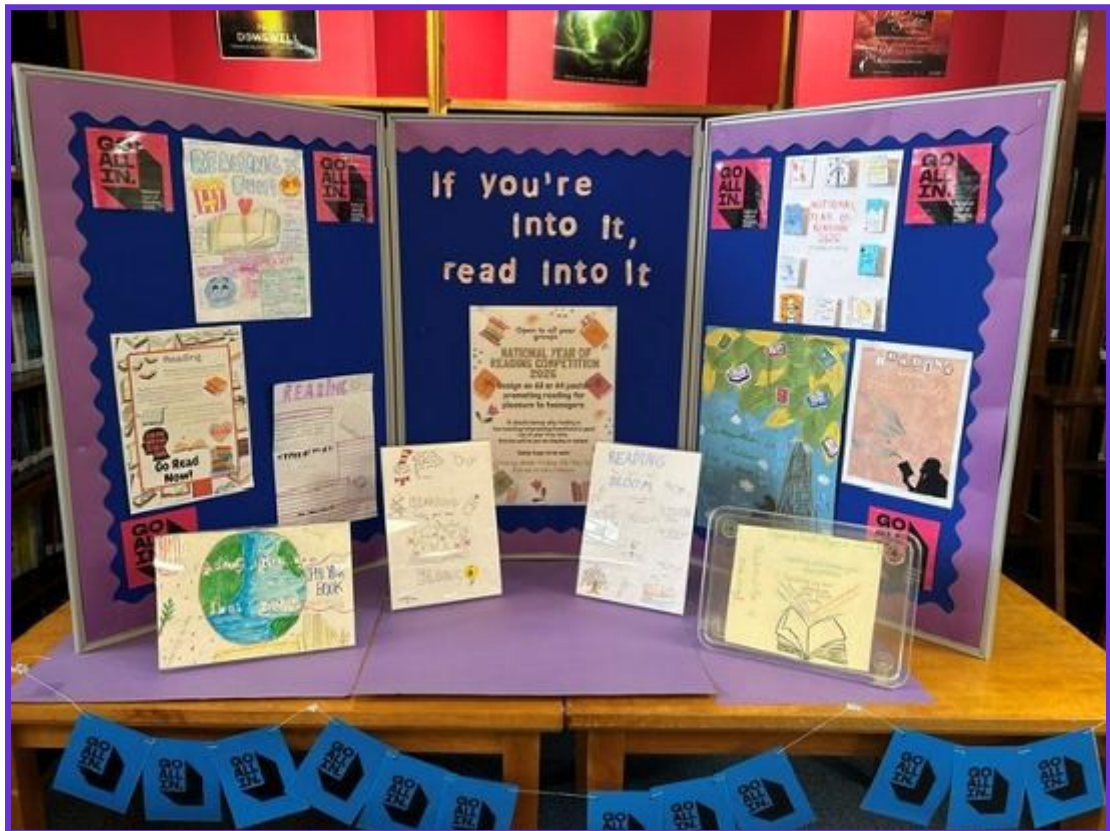
Sports Day

Some photos from our Sports Day on Friday 10th July. We had glorious weather and a fantastic atmosphere with all houses cheering on their team mates. Year 12 had their final sports day at BUCHS and took part in their own programme of events too. Thanks to Mr Maynard for providing very entertaining commentary throughout!



Library News

National Year of Reading Poster Competition Results



Congratulations to all of our entrants on some wonderful posters designed to inspire others to read for pleasure. The posters have been on display in the library this term. Our three winners are pictured below with their goody bag prizes!

Well done to Aoife, Naomi and Lia.



Aoife M, 8B



Naomi G A, 8A



Lia B, 7J

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National
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2026

Library News Continued

BUCHS Summer Lit(erary) Festival

Over the summer, the library hosted the first BUCHS Lit Festival.

These virtual author visits took place over a series of lunchtimes (with biscuits provided!) and enabled students to hear some of their favourite authors talk about how they got published, share writing tips, the inspiration behind their most popular book series and hear extracts from their books.



Anthony Horowitz, 16th June

Thank you to all those who came along to one or more of these events. It was great to see you there.

We hope that you picked up some useful tips for your own creative writing.



Malorie Blackman, 6th July

A Huge Thank You!

We are really grateful to any student in Year 11 or 13 who donated a used GCSE or A Level revision guide to the library this summer.

We have received over 45 donations which is incredible!

The Revision Guide section in the library is extremely popular with all of our year groups all year round and it's wonderful to be able to expand the selection on offer so that even more students can benefit.

In fact, the section has grown too large for its current location so has been moved to a new home in the library.

Please ask Mrs Osborn or look for the signs!



Year 7 Reading Picnic

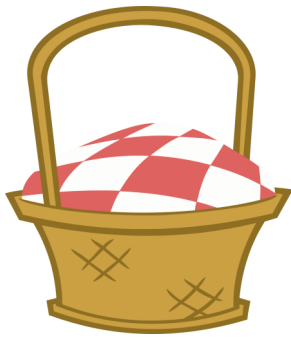
On 7th and 14th July, our Year 7 students enjoyed a library lesson outside in the sunshine on our beautiful field. They were invited to bring picnic blankets, snacks and their reading books. They also took part in a book themed quiz.

We had a wonderful morning sharing book recommendations and discussing the quiz questions in the lovely weather.



Library News Continued

Year 7 Reading Picnic



Year 9 Attend Learning Enrichment Activities Programme at Brentwood School



On Monday 15th June, Miss Newman took 10 of our top-performing Year 9 students to Brentwood School to take part in a Learning Enrichment Activities Programme designed to further challenge and inspire students academically.

This year's programme focused on the theme of 'Communication', giving students the opportunity to explore and develop this essential skill through a range of engaging activities. Throughout the day, the girls participated in numerous interactive sessions led by external speakers, gaining valuable insights and new perspectives. They also had the exciting opportunity to experience an Oxbridge lecture, giving them a taste of university-level learning. The finished off the day by taking part in a lively and thought-provoking debating session.

A huge well done to the Year 10 students who represented BUCHS so positively throughout the day. They demonstrated enthusiasm, maturity and engagement, and were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Miss Newman, Head of Year 9 and Teacher of PE



Artistic Swimming Success

Emily O (pictured left) from form 8J and her Artistic Swimming Team were fortunate enough to compete in the National Artistic Swimming competition; the Combo Cup. The girls had a great routine and worked so hard. We're all very proud of them and grateful to the coaches for providing the opportunity.

Well done Emily!



Maths

Junior Kangaroo

The Maths Department would like to congratulate this year's qualifiers for the Junior Kangaroo. Students are invited to join the challenge by finishing in the top 10,000 students from across the country in the Junior Maths Challenge. This year two students, Mireya and Amalia, showed their exceptional problem solving ability by qualifying for this challenge.

Further congratulations go to Mireya (right), who attained a gold award, finishing in the top 1,000 Year 7 and 8 students across the country.

Junior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our award winners in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Students attempted to solve 25 multiple choice problems testing their mathematical knowledge alongside their problem solving and logical thinking. A large number of students gained bronze, silver and gold awards, showing the exceptional talent our students have in this subject. The award winners are;

GOLD: Harriet, Abigail, Mireya, Amalia

SILVER: Jacqueline, Joanna, Eva, Holly, Oseremen, Eloghosa, Rosetta, Olivia, Aurora, Chloe, Yzabelle, Ivie, Eliza, Milana, Grace, Olivia, Arabella-Levine, Elisa, Sephy, Amelia, Naomi, Aoife, Georgia, Zara, Awuraa, Siena, Isabelle.

BRONZE: Amaris, Cherish, Iheoma, Ireiyinka, Praise, Aoife, Penelope,



Congratulations Grand Finalist!



On 6th July, Cienna B in 10U took part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Grand Final at the Cambridge Theatre in London. She was one of 15 students competing across all the London and Essex boroughs. Out of 35,000 Year 10 pupils across London and Essex, Cienna is the first BUCHS pupil to achieve this momentous achievement.

The evening encapsulated all that education strives to achieve: 15 young people speaking eloquently and passionately on a range of topics. It was incredibly heart-warming to see the power of young peoples' powerful voices.

Cienna's speech was entitled "stuck with it", a rumination of what it means to label people at a young age and the damaging effects it can cause. She represented our school in the most Ursuline of ways: with resilience, courage and determination.

Whilst she didn't place in the top 4, she absolutely did herself and the school proud. Many [congratulations](#) to Cienna!

Mr Baxter, Teacher of English



Music

Welcome back to our last Music Department newsletter entry of the academic year. Thank you very much for your continued support of our students' musical endeavours this half term and throughout the entire academic year. In music this half term, we have had excellent assembly and junior prize giving performances, exceptional performances from our June chamber concert and a fantastic music trip to Saffron Walden to watch the Aurora Orchestra.

Continued Excellence in Assembly Performances

In assemblies, our students have made themselves and the school proud in performing throughout this half term. I would like to thank; Abigail D, Joyshalom M, Elys O, Ella A, Anna-Maria N and Brianna B B. The students performed wonderfully and showcased their exciting gifts and talents to amplify the theme of the week. I would also like to thank all students who have played in assemblies this year for their commitment to providing superb performances.

Junior Prize Giving

We once again gathered for our annual Junior Prize Giving on Thursday 25th June at Brentwood Cathedral. It was an evening of celebration and reflection. Several of our students performed to a very high standard and reflected the school's beliefs and ethos. I would like to thank the following students for their excellent performances; Ofelia B, Mireya H, Margherita B and Anna-Maria N and also Stephen King for accompanying our students and supporting them.

Chamber Concert – Monday 29th June

Our students proudly presented their musical performances at our most recent chamber concert. The students all picked pieces that they have been practicing over the last couple of months which have inspired them and challenged them to new musical heights. Our performers were: Betsy G-B, Ysabella R, Elizabeth S-L, Eve O, Amelia F, Emily O, Mireya H, Elisha T, Andrea R G and Eloise P. I would like to also especially thank our teachers and families who attended the concert in support of our students. Additionally, thank you to Stephen King who accompanied us and Mr. Shaw who has supported and led all of our concerts this year.



Music Trip to Saffron Walden

Last Thursday 2nd July, I had the great pleasure of taking 27 students from Years 8, 9 and 12 to Saffron Walden, Saffron Hall to watch the Aurora Orchestra perform Mozart's Symphony No. 41 (*Jupiter*.) The students were extremely professional and embraced the opportunity with both arms. The Aurora Orchestra are known to perform their music off by heart, which I hope gives our students every confidence in learning their performance and graded pieces with the same level focus and vibrancy. The students made the school proud and showed the very best of themselves throughout the afternoon. I would like to personally also thank Mrs Hughes, Mrs Brady and Dr. Wilkin for accompanying us and looking after the students.

Mr Maynard, Director of Music

Additional Languages GCSEs

This summer, we were delighted to host our bilingual students in completing an extra GCSE in Polish and Russian. In previous years, students have also completed exams in Portuguese and Italian.

Language GCSEs are available in:

- o French
- o Spanish
- o German
- o Italian
- o Mandarin
- o Urdu
- o Polish
- o Arabic
- o Bengali
- o Gujarati
- o Japanese
- o Panjabi
- o Persian
- o Portuguese
- o Russian
- o Turkish

If your daughter speaks, reads and writes one of these languages and would be interested in completing an additional GCSE, please contact Mrs Yates, Head of MFL to learn more about the process.

Mrs Yates, Head of MFL & Head of Year 13

Writing Success!

Maryam P's (8T) poem entitled, 'From Dawn to Dusk—The Whispers of the Wild' has been nominated for the national Young Writer's prize. Her poem will be archived forever in the National British Library archives. Winners will be announced on 3rd August. Good Luck Maryam! And congratulations for your success so far.



From Dawn To Dusk—The Whispers Of The Wild

Every morning, every day, I rest my eyes upon the glamorous, blooming flowers, awaiting to spread their wings and let their petals drift in the wind.

Every morning, every day, I hear the serene breeze whisper through the lofty trees that surround the crystal-clear lake, humming softly.

Every morning, every day, I feel the warmth of the glowing fireball up above, igniting the breathtaking view of the pink, gold and amber delicately painted sky.

Every morning, every day, when vivid drops sprinkle down and rest upon the green velvety, verdure grass, they are kindled with a majestic light that makes them shimmer, glimmer, and dazzle.

Every morning, every day, I wait for the pin-drop silence to be seized by the chaotic rustling of the colourful leaves.

Every morning, every day, as I rest my head in the forest, green blades cradle me to serenity. I can feel the sun spilling rays of gold on my fingertips - quiet and warm. As I float into stillness, I gaze amongst the cotton castles drifting into the secrets of the deep blue sky.

Every morning, every day, as I inhale the breathtaking view of lofty trees ascending endlessly into the majestic blue blanket, wrapping

me in a canopy of sky-kissing green emeralds swaying in the breeze; they await the gentle brush of golden, priceless warmth.

Every morning, every day, as I hike upon the jagged rocks with my warm hands on the stone and my heart high in the sky, I show no glimpse of fear but an overflow of confidence awaiting to reach the top.

Every evening, every night, I embrace my eyes into the waves crashing like the heartbeat of my soul, allowing me to swiftly inhale the salt in the air and feel the freedom in the waves.

Every evening, every night, I can hear the lonely wolves howling beneath the silver moon reflecting the sun's glory and light illuminating the earth's treasures.

Every evening, every night, I feel a gust of ease calming me as I gaze upon the radiant stars sprinkled upon the boundless sky.

Every evening, every night, I see tiny lanterns fluttering through the fresh air, stitching blankets of stars into the moonlit night.

Every evening, every night, I wait for the white as fresh snow swans to gracefully glide amongst the cool, mirror-like lake, veiled in layers of dazzling sparkles and dancing reflections.

Every evening, every night, when the clouds lazily wander amongst the endless sky, I'm put to sleep by their splashes of spilt secrets.

And the light held its breath as the peaceful chaos rested always and forever, in the past, present, and future, etched in my heart.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Induction Day

Our Sixth Form Induction Day was a great success, with over 150 prospective students attending. Despite the exceptionally hot weather, students showed fantastic enthusiasm, resilience and maturity throughout the day, fully engaging in the wide range of activities on offer. The taster lessons were particularly well received, giving students an exciting insight into their chosen subjects and the opportunities available in the Sixth Form. The Scholars' afternoon proved equally popular, with the quiz and treasure hunt encouraging teamwork, problem-solving and plenty of friendly competition. Following one of our most competitive Sixth Form application cycles to date, we are looking forward to welcoming applicants back on Results Day. Please refer to the information in the image below for important details about Results Day arrangements and timings.

Existing BUCHS Students: What You Need to Do

- ☐ **Where:** Merici Hall
- ☐ **When:** Arrive at **9:00am** sharp on Results Day
- ☐ **Step 1: Collect Your GCSE Results**

You'll receive your results along with a personalised document outlining your Sixth Form offer.

- ☐ **Step 2: Accept Your Place**

If you're happy with your offer, simply **sign the form and hand it in** to officially enrol.

- ☐ *This confirms your place in Sixth Form – don't miss this step!*

- ☐ **Need to Talk?**

If you'd like to discuss your offer or request a change to your subject choices, **head over to the Sixth Form team** on the day. We're here to help.

Post-18 Progression Day Inspires Students to Explore Their Future

On 16th June, BUCHS hosted a Post-18 Progression Day, providing students with a valuable opportunity to explore some of the many pathways available after Sixth Form.

Throughout the day, students were able to choose from a wide range of informative sessions, including both online presentations from universities and in-person talks delivered by professionals and former BUCHS students. The programme was designed to help students make informed decisions about their future education, training and career aspirations.

One of the highlights of the day was welcoming back several past students, who shared their experiences of life after BUCHS. They spoke candidly about their journeys through higher education, apprenticeships and into employment, offering current students first-hand insight into a variety of career paths. Their stories demonstrated that there are many different routes to success and inspired students to think confidently about their own futures.

The diverse range of careers represented included studying Politics, English Literature, Geography and Teaching at university, routes into Law, journalism with the Daily Mail, conservation work at London Zoo, and apprenticeships with organisations such as Ford. Students also heard about careers in Quantity Surveying, including the role of Balfour Beatty in delivering the Lower Thames Crossing project, highlighting the exciting opportunities available within the construction and infrastructure sectors.

In addition, students participated in a dedicated session delivered by the University of East Anglia (UEA), focusing on writing effective personal statements. The workshop provided practical guidance on how to reflect on experiences, showcase strengths and prepare compelling applications for higher education.

Post-18 Progression Day was an engaging and informative event that encouraged students to consider the wide range of opportunities available to them after BUCHS. We would like to thank all of our guest speakers, alumni and university partners for generously sharing their time, experiences and expertise, helping to inspire the next generation as they plan their future pathways.

Mrs Udall, Teacher of Psychology & Post 18 Choices Coordinator

Sixth Form Continued

Ursuline Action: Serving Our School, Parish and Wider Community

Our Ursuline Action students have lived out our school values through an extraordinary range of service projects this year, giving generously of their time, energy and talents to others.



Within our local parish community, students have attended parish lunches, prepared baked goods to share with parishioners, and strengthened the bonds between our school and the wider Ursuline family. They have also cooked and prepared meals and desserts for those experiencing homelessness, demonstrating compassion and a commitment to serving others with dignity and kindness.

In the wider community, students have visited local care homes, bringing companionship, conversation and joy to residents. Closer to home, they have supported a variety of gardening and environmental projects around the school site, helping to create welcoming spaces for everyone to enjoy.



The spirit of service has extended throughout the school community too. Students have supported younger pupils, assisted staff with practical tasks and events, and even helped foster school spirit through initiatives such as the staff netball match.

The work of Ursuline Action is a wonderful example of faith in action. Through countless acts of kindness, both large and small, our students continue to embody the Ursuline tradition of service, community and respect for the dignity of every person. We are immensely proud of all that they have achieved this year and grateful for the positive difference they make to so many lives.

Miss Scott and Miss Orritt



Sixth Form Continued

Bank of England Pupil Panel

The Economics Department were delighted to be selected as part of the pupil panel for the Bank of England. We welcomed four of their employees to the library to talk about the current state of employment opportunities for sixth formers and beyond.

Twenty six students from Economics, Politics, Law and History joined the panel and chatted through several questions about the job market as they see it amongst other things. This feedback goes towards shaping future policies; it was a fantastic thing to be a part of.

Pupils then had the opportunity to ask questions and we now know a lot more about gold at the bank and rules around taking photos of the Christmas Tree! We also learned about the FCA and other opportunities at the Bank.



Key points we took away for the future are that the Bank of England has a wide variety of jobs available. Apprenticeships are open in December and they also display their vacancies on their website.

Mrs Harbott, Teacher of Maths & Economics

"I feel confident that I can say we all loved the session on Wednesday; your students were really forthcoming in sharing their experiences and they asked some great questions."

Tendai Chipangura

Education Analyst
Communications, Public and Stakeholder Engagement
Bank of England



Year 7 and 8 Competitions

Healthy Breakfast Challenge, Year 7 Competition:

A photograph of a meal on a white plate. The main item is a slice of toast topped with a thick layer of green avocado, a layer of shredded cooked chicken, and a small amount of yellow pineapple. To the left of the toast is a pile of sliced strawberries. In the center, there is a cluster of fresh blueberries. To the right of the blueberries are slices of kiwi and several rounds of sliced banana. The plate is set on a light-colored surface.

Recipe Book Competition, Year 8:

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PASTA BAKE

- ① Preheat oven to 180°C (Gas mark 4)
- ② Boil pasta in a pan for 12 mins, then drain and rinse with cold water
- ③ Chop your vegetables and protein
- ④ Fry the vegetables and protein in a pan until soft
- ⑤ Add canned tomatoes and stock cube
- ⑥ Mix the cooked pasta with the sauce
- ⑦ Transfer to an ovenproof dish, sprinkle cheese on top
- ⑧ Bake for 20 minutes until golden brown.

INGREDIENTS:

EQUIPMENT:

- Pan
- wooden spoon
- knife
- chopping board
- ovenproof dish

1000g pasta

a slice of ham, protein

1/2 onion

300g cheddar cheese

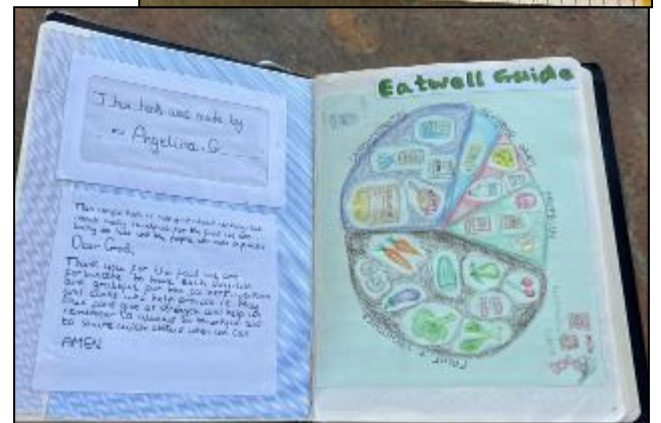
1/2 carrot, veg of choice

1 stock cube

1 can tomatoes

vegetable of choice





Mrs Sullivan

Vacancy: Ad Hoc Exam Invigilators

Our Governors are seeking to appoint new Ad Hoc Exam Invigilators.

As and when required during term time – particularly during May and June Public Examination period but also at other times during the school year.

Rate of Pay: £13.64 per hour (plus £1.65 per hour for holiday pay) based on LGPS Scale 2 Point 5 (Fringe).

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Job Description available on request.

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