



NEWSLETTER, JULY 2019

Founders Day

On Wednesday, 3rd July we had our Founders Day service. Our Stopfordian Family is now 51 years old. Our service was led by Celebrant, The Reverend Kechi Onwuka and our Preacher was The Reverend Stuart Owen (Area Dean) who is also a member of the School's Governing Body.

We are extremely proud of our students who performed for the service. We now have three choirs; The School Choir; The Girls' Worship Choir and The Boys' Choir. Forty Hall Primary School Choir also joined our service and were amazing. We are looking forward to them being part of our celebrations in the future.



LDBS Celebration - Visit to St Paul's Cathedral

Another great event for our School was the visit to St Paul's Cathedral. Selected students, members of our choir and staff attended a Celebration at St Paul's Cathedral on Friday 25th January, 2019. The event was a celebration for the family of Church of England Schools and also coincided with the Cathedral's Patronal Festival. LDBS schools from all boroughs attended. We were extremely proud of our students who are regularly selected to sing with the choirs at this most prestigious of all Cathedrals. Our students learn how to perform in very formal settings to thousands of people, which builds their confidence and the ability to perform well under pressure.

Sports Day

On Monday 15th July, Bishop Stopford's annual Sports Day took place with students arriving to school in PE kit ready and raring to take part in their events. Even those who had not signed up to a specific event took part in games of rounders throughout the day, with the climax of our wonderful day being when the whole school came out onto the field for the afternoon to watch, cheer and compete against each other in races and tug-of-war. In the end it was King Alfred's House who won overall but everyone who took part should be very proud of their efforts.



Trip to Paris

On the 3rd June 2019, the KS3 French students had the opportunity to go on a 4 day trip to Paris. Students were very excited to visit Disneyland. They had the opportunity to go on rides, see the princes and princesses and enjoy the newest Star Wars rides.

During the sightseeing tour in Paris, students saw the Mona Lisa in 'Le Louvre', visited 'Place de la Concorde', 'Champs Elysees' and enjoyed the stunning view of the 'la tour Eiffel'. During the river cruise, they saw 'Notre Dame' and even though she looked different, "our Lady" still stood strong. On the evening of the 6th June the 46 students and 5 tired staff members arrived back at school.



Ski Trip to Austria 2020

We are very excited to see the first Bishop Stopford's School Ski Austria trip going ahead in 2020 in February. Thirty students will be enjoying learning to Ski in the environment of Hotel Olympia; a ski on – ski off, ski hotel. There are still a couple of places available if anyone is interested. Please contact Ms Dorrington, Head of Year, at tdorrington@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk.

Bishop's Amateur Dramatic Society

This academic year saw the start of 'Bishop Stopford's Amateur Dramatic Society' who are working towards their first big whole school show, which will include singing, dancing and acting and take you into a whole different world. Look out for information for tickets. Should any more students wish to get involved there are still places available and we meet on a Wednesday at 3.15pm in the Drama Studio.

Rudolph Walker Drama Awards

It is with extreme pride that we announce our success in the finals of Rudolph Walker's Inter School Drama Awards this year. The students involved were amazing and made all of us at school very proud. Not only because of the courage they demonstrated but also because of the personal stories they shared. This year the standard was exceptionally high and the achievements of winning best actress and the best overall production are testament to

the fantastic talent we have in school. The piece called 'Truth behind the Masks' was a hard hitting piece of drama that took you from



laughter to tears within seconds, and reminded us of the impact our actions have on others and the importance of treating others well. Remember to uphold the The Stopfordian Ethos and the Strive for Five. This has been a fantastic year for the Drama department and we look forward to building on such solid foundations.

Race for Life

On Tuesday 16th July, Bishop Stopford's staff and students came together to complete a whole school charity walk in association with Cancer Research, UK's 'Race for Life School's Programme'. Ms Williams and Ms Miller were on hand during lunchtime, selling cakes to prepare students for the event and raise some extra money for the charity. After lunch, we set off at 2pm completing a 45 minute walk around the school site, each lap was 1km in distance and participants could choose the rate at which they competed. It was a fantastic event where the whole school came together in order to raise awareness and money for an important charity. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all participants and thank you for all donations made. We look forward to organising more events for deserving charities in the future.

As a result of the school cake sale and donations made, both on the day and online we have raised over **£900** in total for Cancer Research!



School Prefects 2019/2020

As announced earlier on this year, we have now chosen our new school prefects, who were initiated during Year 10 assembly in April.



They were issued with their prefect badge, given a gown and sworn in by Ms Pavlou and Mrs Day.

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment

Enrichment activities at the school have flourished this term and I would like to express my gratitude to the members of staff who give up their time to run these activities. At the end of the summer term, we review our 'Extra-Curricular Commitment Awards' across the school, and this is based on a combination of attendance across the range of clubs on offer and application in activities beyond normal lessons.

Top Universities and employers are keen to see applicants present their wider commitment to their life at school and by pursuing a number of extra-curricular activities, your child will develop in this area. I would encourage you to speak to your child and encourage them to return to school in September with an open mind for the new Enrichment timetable and try out as many activities as they can. We are always open to consider new suggestions for activities. Your child can talk to Mr Jennings with their idea and he will speak to their form representative.

