

Bishop Fox's

High Standards & High Expectations

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians

Our results for the previous academic year were our best ever at:

88%	5 + A*/C
58%	5+ A*/C including English and Maths
99%	5+ A*/G
526	Average total points score
369	Average total points score (approx)

There is little doubt that the CVA (Contextual Value Added) for the school if still measured, would have been higher than the 1020 achieved in the academic year 2010. This is obviously impressive given the fact that last year we were placed second in the whole of Somerset.

STAFFING:

Following redundancy last year we were fully staffed at the beginning of the new academic year.

We have taken on two apprentices one in ICT and one in Business and Administration. Both have settled extremely well into their new roles.

Towards the end of the first half term we lost several staff to long term illness. Subjects to suffer the consequences of their absences include Science and English where regrettably three of the seven team members in English have been absent for some considerable length of time.

We wish all our colleagues a full and speedy recovery and have worked hard to recruit suitable replacements in the meantime.

STUDENTS:

I have been delighted with the attitudes of the majority of our students in the new academic year.

Behaviour continues to improve and there is evidence of all sanctions being in decline from incident slips to exclusions.

Uniform is now impressive and the atmosphere and ethos of the school is becoming one of which we can all take pride.

Student numbers are up to 860 this year with high numbers of admissions and sadly leavers also!!

Open Evening numbers were a good deal higher than previously and we retain a degree of optimism in this respect.



Our extra-curricular activities offered remains broad and I am grateful to colleagues for their investment in this aspect of the life of the school.

SITE:

Once again I must commend the site team for their efforts in improving the site over the summer period.

A list of improvements were undertaken including redecoration, re-carpeting, re-locating the ICT suites and more general external building maintenance including refurbishing another W.C. block

More recently we have sought to invest in PV panels in order to try to reduce our electricity bill in years to come.

ACADEMY STATUS:

It appears that the anticipated additional funding short term has been realised. The burden of work particularly for the Business Manager has not been inconsiderable though I hope that as promised little else appears to have changed and we remain focussed on business as usual with the emphasis on caring, supporting, learning and achieving. This is precisely what parents wanted and I hope that we have not disappointed in this respect.

A very Happy Christmas to you and your family.



Paul Scutt
Headteacher



CHARITIES

Each year the Student Council nominate three charities to support.
The charities supported during 2010/2011 through non-uniform days
were

St Margaret's Somerset Hospice
Taunton Association for the Homeless
Help for Heroes

The total amount raised for these charities was £1500

Money was also raised for the Special Care Baby Unit in Bristol.
The Unit cared for Mr Appleby's little girl.

BISHOP FOX'S 2012 CALENDAR

The Young Chamber Group led by Mr Summerill, have
produced a calendar for all members of the
School community.

The group designed the calendar in partnership with
New Century Design and gained sponsorship from 8 local
businesses to cover the costs of production.

We hope you enjoy using the Calendar.

FOR INFORMATION

TERM ENDS ON
Thursday 15 December 2011
Academic tutoring day
Friday 16 December 2011

TERM BEGINS FOR STUDENTS
ON
Thursday 5 January 2012

INTERNET SAFETY WARNING

With the Christmas holiday fast approaching this warning has been sent to all schools by the Somerset Police. Parents please pay particular attention to your children's use of chat rooms, to raise awareness that the person on the other end of a conversation may not be who they say they are.

Children should NEVER go alone to meet someone they have only conversed with on-line as there is a risk that the person may well not be who they say they are in a chat room.

Information and advice on internet safety is available on the community safety section of the Police Force website:

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk



The full list of current school policies is detailed on the schools website.

SCHOOL WEBSITE ADDRESS
www.bishopfoxs.co.uk

Parents/Guardians.....

Please keep the school informed of any change in circumstances e.g. names, addresses, contact numbers (work and home). It is vitally important that our school information is accurate.

FIRST AID

A reminder to parents:

The role of the first aider in school, is to deal with emergency first aid situations which happen during the school day. Staff cannot give advice on medical matters and injuries sustained outside of school, they are clearly not qualified to do so.

If your child becomes unwell during the school day, the protocol is for the student to contact their Head of Year for permission to go home. First aiders in school are only there to deal with minor injuries. Symptoms of coughs, colds and flu are not treatable by first aiders (it is a parent's responsibility to decide whether their child is fit to attend school, in these circumstances).

The school does not have a School Nurse. If you are concerned about any aspects of your child's health you should contact your local surgery or contact NHS Direct.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Anne-Marie Trigg, Primary First Aider.

Lost property:

Please ensure that any lost property is collected from resources before the end of term. Any lost property which is left will be disposed off.

FOR INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

Thanks to parents, guardians and students for improving our attendance statistics – we are on track to meet the

LEA/Governments target for this academic year

To report sickness please ring: 255019 and back the call up with a letter to the form tutor.

LATES:

A reminder please to all students.

Students should be on site at 8.45am.

3 lates will result in loss of free time and persistent lateness will result in the Education Social Worker (ESW) making enquiries from us and parents.

**ATTENDANCE LINE NUMBER:
255019**

UNIFORM

A big thank you to all our parents for helping us to maintain our standards of uniform.

We will continue to insist on smart, appropriate dress to prepare our students for adult life.

Can I please remind all students that trainers are only allowed to be worn in P.E. lessons.

Please remember that during the cold weather students may wear the **school jumper** only under their blazers in order to keep warm. Hoodies are not allowed in school.

A reminder that the school does not take responsibility for any items of value brought into school i.e. jewellery, Ipods, mobile phones etc.

SMOKING

Bishop Fox's is a non-smoking site for students and adults. Sanctions will be applied to students smoking or in the company of students who are smoking, on site or on the way to and from school.

Our duty of care demands that we protect all our young people from behaviour which could damage their health and well-being. We are confident that our parents support us on this.

FEEDBACK OF THE FINDINGS OF THE PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE - 2011

STRENGTHS

Caring atmosphere
Well laid out accommodation
Good working parent/school communication
Student ownership
Good leadership
Smart uniform
Excellent academic results
School site
Pastoral care
Teaching staff & ancillary staff
The pupils
Good discipline
Smart uniform
Encouraging students (merits, letters home etc)
Gifted & Talented support
Dealing with issues as they arise
Settling children in Yr 7
Facilities and links with outside organizations
Performing arts & music

AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Format of parent's evening needs improving
More emphasis to be placed on individual responsibility re homework & punctuality
Clearer reports
Later finishing times for after school clubs/more clubs
Make dance a club not a lesson
Condition of the toilets & how they are poorly treated by some students does put off many using them
Food running out in the canteen – perhaps more pasta bar time – more bacon rolls?
Trips for children that cost more than most family holidays – unfair pressure on parents
Discontinue ES Project
Languages to be compulsory at GCSE
A little more communication with parents
Would like an after school athletics club
Teacher Retainment
Summer uniform (change of top?)
Quality of supply cover
Money management?
Jumpers to replace blazers
Too much homework
Lack of lockers

NEWS ROUNDUP

MUSIC FACULTY



CAROL CONCERT:

Bishop Fox's School Annual Carol Concert took place once again at St Mary's Church, Taunton, on Monday, 5th December. The audience was treated as always to a musical extravaganza including items such as the choir, staff choir, orchestra, and various solos and ensembles. The church was packed to the brim and a good time was had by all. Soloists included: Amber Golding, Amie Ward, Matt Battersby, Meghan Escott, Annabel Cook.

CAROL TRAIN:

On the evening of the 13 December, you can see members of the band performing carols on the Annual Carol Train from Bishops Lydeard to Williton. This is an annual event in which members of the orchestra will be playing festive carols for the train's passengers who sing at every station. Please contact the station should you require tickets.

BLAGDON RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

On the afternoon of the 8th December, some members of the choir will be performing to the residents at Blagdon Retirement Village. The choir first performed at the village 4 years ago and have been asked back again this year.

TOWN CENTRE SCHOOLS CHOIR:

Together with the TLP (Taunton Learning Partnership), Mr Summerill and Miss Wride organised a new Taunton School Choir.

At the switching on of the town centre lights, some of Bishop Fox's choir, Lyngford Park Primary School and Blackbrook Primary School stood on the stage and sang "Sleigh Ride", "Away In A Manger", Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer". These three songs were chosen two weeks previous when Bishop Fox's hosted an afternoon concert and each school performed.



MORE MUSIC NEWS:

TAUNTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Meghan Escott, Matt Battersby and Amie Ward sang in the Taunton Music Festival. Commendations were gained by Meghan and Amie, whilst in Matts class he gained a 3rd place and distinction.



COMING UP:

Watch out for details of the Music Practice-a-thon – details in January.

Coming up Annual Year 7 "Lion King" Trip to London and Year 8 "Sister Act" trip to Bristol – further details and information available from Justine Coombes in the school office.

Instrumental and vocal lessons available – see Jamie in the school office for more information



DANCE

Dancing Stars Award: Each half term one boy and one girl from Years 7, 8 and 9 are awarded the Dancing Stars Award for positive steps in dance. Dancing Stars are also awarded to KS4 students one from each year.

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised as Dancing Stars for the first half term:

Year 7: Asia Ferguson and Edward Grover
Year 8: Roasie Brain and Eli Hutt
Year 9: Sophie Crowley and Aaron Plummer
Year 10: Danielle Cross Henley
Year 11: Meghan Escott.



NEWS ROUNDUP

DRAMA

Good luck to year 11 who are working hard on their mock exam pieces.

Congratulations to the Year 7, 8 and 9 students who performed in "A Christmas Carol".

A CHRISTMAS CAROL



**CONGRATULATIONS TO:
JAMIE VICKERY – Year 10TK
Who has won the National
Swimming championships in
Sandhurst in October.**



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My Maths Online Homework

www.mymaths.co.uk

PARENTS:

Support your son/daughter with their weekly MyMaths online homework:

- ask them to show you the website
- look at their results page to see whether their scores are red, amber or green.
- check what homework is being set.
- "Go for Green" to help turn red and amber scores into green ones by assisting in the re-doing of homework
- Good luck and thank you for your support.



VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AT SCAT.

Congratulations to the students taking part in the Hair and Beauty course and Construction (Painting and Decorating).

Hannah Walls, Liam Darlington, Kerry-Ann Pennison and Lewis Reeve.

Congratulations to the following students who took part in the Somerset Drama Festival. Min Riggs and Kate Wright took part in a large duo-acting class and really performed well. They scored a distinction.

Jemima Stanfield entered a solo acting class and came second, and a prepared reading class which she won with a superb performance.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Congratulations to the Greenpower Car Racing Team who have been awarded Half Colours:

The Team: Lorna Hammond, Cayla Hamond, John Bato, Sam Hammond, Adam Lawrance, Harley Butcher, Merry Lennox, Megan Benham, Lauren Redding.

EDEN PROJECT PHOTO COMPETITION:

Congratulations to:

Best close up: Sam Payne

Best composition: Sadie Fear

Best colour shot: Rosie Brain

Best form and structure: Ben Prouse

Best Dramatic: Sam Payne

BISHOP FOX'S FAIR TRADE COFFEE:

The Bishop's Bean Coffee group have successfully launched their Fairer than Fair Trade Café Dezorro coffee and sold nearly 100 bags.

This means £100 will shortly be sent to a community in Ecuador for the local community to spend on school supplies and essentials for the village. We will be selling the coffee at the Orchard Shopping Centre in time for Christmas.

The group are: Sophie Clarke, Sophie George, Lucy Wilkins, Nathan Coltart, Charlie Grabham, Chloe Mitchell, Lottie and Jade Waygood, Callum Perrin and Mrs Hasell.

NEWS ROUNDUP

CAREERS EDUCATION INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE NEWS

CEIAG AUTUMN 2011

Year 11. Term 1 – Preparing for Year 12

All Year 11 students have been offered a Careers Consultation with Julie Tiley (Connect SW Advisor).

Year 11 have attended presentations by Somerset College, RHC and Bridgwater College during PSHE.

Students have been encouraged to attend Open Evenings and Tasters at the local colleges ready for the completion of application forms in January 2011.

Year 11 have all been offered a Practice Interview. They had to produce a CV and complete a mock application form prior to the interview. The experience and feedback was, once again, very positive.

Students are currently completing part 3 of the coursework for the half GCSE Preparation for Working Life: CV, letters of application and interview notes. The deadline is the end of this term.

Year 10. Work Experience, 2 – 6 July 2012

Work Experience was launched in October and students are currently writing to companies for placements. Please return all medical form ASAP to Mrs Dalling or School Office.

Placements out of county must be approved by January 2012.

Year 9

A successful Year 9 Option Day was introduced 2 years ago and a revised version ran this term. The aim was to raise awareness of the choices available. They attended a series of workshops in the morning:

1. Bridgwater College presentation
2. Connect SW – Gender & Stereotyping
3. Connect SW – Explore their Website
4. Connect SW – Decisions & Choices
5. Writing the perfect CV

In the afternoon students attended a Careers Fair with stands and representatives from: Somerset College, Bridgwater College, RHC, Space, Qudos, Apprenticeships, Services and the Navy. There were also samples of coursework from any subject areas with Year 11 students on hand to talk about the subjects and coursework. The day was a huge success.



NEWS ROUNDUP

BISHOP FOX'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

25 Year 10 students from Bishop Fox's School visited the Fire Station in Taunton to help develop their ideas for a Safe Driving Campaign which the school and the Fire Service are working on together.

Students witnessed how crash victims can be taken out of a crashed car, this included the top of the car being cut off. The Road Safety Project was inspired by the tragic death of Amy Hofmeister who was a student at the school.

Steve Summerill (Assistant Head) said "The project is to raise young people's awareness of road safety and to develop and produce material that will be used by the Fire Service and which will be displayed in and around Taunton. The project builds on work the school has previously done with the Fire Service. With the recent accident on the M5 this seems an important time to raise awareness of road safety"

Bill Wills, Blue Watch Commander said "by working in partnership with Bishop Fox's we can use the creativity of the young people and locked with our experience of road safety campaigns we hope to give a strong message to motorists in the run up to Christmas".



English

Year 10 Skills

The English and Maths Faculties worked hard with Year 10 this term to make sure they have the fundamental skills needed to do well in our subjects. Maths worked on Statistics, or “number work” and English focused on three key areas that can make a massive impact on grades: introductions and conclusions; analysing evidence and asking the right sort of questions.

In the afternoon students learnt about the basics of study such as where and when to revise; the best techniques for learning and how to stay motivated.

Reading

We have had a big push on reading for pleasure this term, particularly in Years 7 and 8. Each student has been expected to read in form. As well as this, each student in Year 7 has been given a free book as part of the Booked Up scheme and both Year 7 and 8 have been asked to take part in the Readathon.

Research has proven that regular reading for pleasure from as young an age as possible is crucial in achievement in all subjects. It really is important to help improve students, vocabulary, spelling, sentencing, etc. but more crucially for learning across all subjects, it increases students' emotional intelligence.

Year 11 Examination

On January 10th Year 11 have an examination for English Language. This is worth 40% of their final grade. GCSE English Language is the crucial GCSE that will form an important part of all students' job, apprenticeship or college applications. Most institutions require C grade or above in English Language to prove your child has the literacy levels needed to work by themselves. This obviously makes this one of the most important examinations that students will take in their time at Bishop Fox's.

Students have been well prepared for the examination over the past 10 weeks. They have each been provided with a revision guide, which they should be working through at home.

To help support you in your support of your child, here is a brief summary of expectations in the examination:

Section A – Of Mice and Men

Students have to closely analyse the language used in two extracts from the novel. One is given on the examination paper and one that they choose for themselves. They must say a lot about language choices made by the writer.

Section B – Writing

Students will need to write two sides in response to a brief. They need to make good choices, organise the writing well and engage the reader.

I hope you can help your child prepare by offering encouragement and asking questions about what they are doing to prepare.



SCIENCE

Science Club



Becky Boyles



Bishop Fox's

Year 7 detectives have a list of likely suspects and have started carrying out forensic testing and piecing together the last movements of Becky Boyles. All this information and evidence will be presented at a court hearing soon.

The Science team had yet another successful night with cubs. The cubs had to carry out a series of activities to achieve their science badge. The cubs particularly enjoyed the fire balls and the rat dissection.

Science Badge
at Bishop Fox's School



30 Year 7 students attended this years Somerset Christmas Science Lecture. Students had a great time journeying to the limits of space and time, and discovering the science of the circus. A great experience for all

LANGUAGES

LANGUAGES DAY

In order to celebrate the National Day of Languages on 26th September there were various activities on offer. All staff were encouraged to welcome classes from a choice of 26 different languages. Original activities were organised for language lessons by the MFL department based around the Rugby World Cup, tutor groups took part in a Form Quiz on languages in order to win themselves a French breakfast. EAL students put on a Language Exhibition in T8 at lunchtime, joined by students from French Club & Spanish Club to show others linguistic and cultural information about their country of origin - as well as bringing some delicious traditional foods to try! Thanks to all those involved.

Congratulations to:

10 AFW who won the French Breakfast!



LANGUAGES



YEAR 7 CURRICULUM DAY

Year 7 students took part in a French Day on 22nd November working with the Languages, Geography and Business Departments on a variety of French activities in order to win euros for their form. In French lessons students worked in groups to create raps, poems or songs about hobbies; in Geography they honed their French reading skills to label various items on the French map; and in Business they competed against other groups to answer questions on facts about the Eiffel Tower. In the afternoon, impressive models of the Eiffel Tower were completed and form groups were judged on their fine creations, adding euros to their total amounts in order to find a winning form from the whole day.

Congratulations to: 7 RLS - 1st prize

7SC - runners up

FRANCE TRIP MAY 2012

Thanks to parents for handing in all documentation for the trip so far - we are looking forward to the visit from 3 - 6th May 2012, visiting the Opal Coast, Northern France. We aim to visit Lille, the Montcavrel Goat Farm, a sweet factory and spend a day in France's most original theme park, Parc Astérix, alongside a more thought provoking look at some of the local WW1 Battlefield sites. The aim being to allow students to experience the culture and atmosphere of France, whilst practising their language skills. A reminder that the final balance is due on 15th February 2012, and that parents and students are invited to a short meeting on 26th April at 6.30pm in order to run through the final key information for the visit.



LANGUAGES

SPANISH CLUB

"The Spanish club is busy creating Bishop Fox's first ever newsletter in Spanish, written by the students themselves. It will contain information about trips (past, present and future!), concerts, plays, prefects, sport etc. and will also include an agony aunt page and a page of puzzles to get your mind boggling. There is an exciting competition for you to take part in with authentic Spanish prizes to be won! We are also working on a play that we will be presenting to North Town primary school in the new year. If you fancy being a part of this fantastic club, come to L1 at 1.25pm on Fridays with Senorita Hennessy!"

FRENCH CLUB

French Club have been practising some speaking using their 'Harry Potter' sock puppets and last week performed their weather forecasts which were filmed ready to edit and watch in the coming weeks.

French Club: Mondays 1.20-1.55 in T8

KS4 FILMS

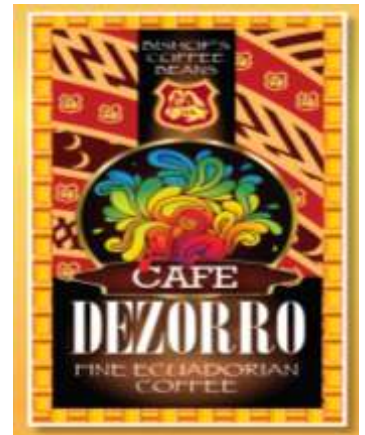
On Tuesday, 14th December, Key Stage 4 French students will have the opportunity to watch "The Extraordinary Adventures of Adèle Blanc-Sec" and Spanish students will have the choice of "El Orfanato" or the cartoon "Río". This follows on from our previous event held on the 17th October when a large number of students studying French enjoyed watching the magical film "Amelie" which is set in Paris and follows the colourful life of a young Parisian girl as she finds love in the most unusual circumstances. Spanish students watched "Pan's Labyrinth", by the renowned director "Guillermo del Toro", which weaves an intriguing story of fantasy and reality during the Spanish civil war.

All pupils really enjoyed the films that were shown. We look forward to a great turnout on the 14th! No expense will be spared on the popcorn!

Business and Enterprise News

Young Chamber

New members of Young Chamber have started this year running the school bank. They produced a school calendar with business sponsorship. The group, together with Somerset Care, pitched for funding support and received £300. This money was used to brand our fair trade coffee. The fair trade coffee group led by Mrs. Hasell meet each week and market BFS own brand of coffee. Students sold coffee in the Orchard Centre during late night shopping on Thursdays leading up to Christmas. The coffee is available to purchase at every Parents Evening - £3 a bag.



TAH Sandwich Competition

Jeremy Brown visited Bishop Fox's school to act as Head Judge in a joint competition run by the school and TAH. The competition set the challenge of designing and costing new sandwich ideas for the East Reach cafe. Year 9 Students developed their ideas, costed and sourced the ingredients and produced marketing material.

Students in each group voted for their favourites and these students then made the sandwich ideas in a 'ready, steady, cook' type final and then were tasted by Jeremy Brown, John Shipley, and Holiday Inn's Neil May. The winner of the competition was Jade Bowen who produced a BEST (Bacon, Egg, Sauce and Tomato) sandwich, the homemade 'secret sauce' clinched first prize, the runner up was Harry Gutteridge who produced a sandwich based on a burger.



School Bank

This is running successfully, students are able to open a school bank account and are able to bring in small amounts of money each Thursday to pay into their account. Students are issued with a cash card and will be able to withdraw money from any cash point.

The aim of the scheme is to encourage students to save regularly and improve their financial literacy. Students from the Young Chamber run the bank. We have over 70 accounts open so far.

Lovington's Challenge

Bishop Fox's School held the first Inter-school Business and Enterprise Challenge which was supported by Lovington's Ice cream. Teams of students were set the task to design and brand a new flavour of ice cream. Teams from Bishop Fox's, Castle and Taunton Academy took part. The challenge was judged by the owners of Lovingtons Mike and Leyla.

The winning team was Bishop Fox's, their new brand and flavour was based on the Olympics.



Primary Challenge

Students from six primary schools Blackbrook, Thurlbeare, North Town, ABC, Trinity and St Georges joined Bishop Fox students in an Enterprise Challenge Day. The aim of the event was to give students from Primary Schools the opportunity to develop their enterprise skills at the school. Each group chose an issue to address and with support from Bishop Fox's Year 7 Form Captains and Business Ambassadors from HSBC, Young Enterprise and Taunton Chamber of Commerce made a presentation to parents and teachers. The winning team came from North Town who won a laptop sponsored by IDN a local IT Service business



School of Dreams

Students from six primary schools joined Year 7 students at Bishop Fox's in a two day workshop focusing on Personal learning and thinking skills. Bishop Fox's was nominated by Howards to have the privilege of being the host school due to the schools reputation for working closely with local businesses. The primary schools that took part in the programme were Parkfield, Bishop Henderson, Thurlbear, Trinity, St Georges and Cheddon Fitzpaine. Students developed their understanding of personal learning and other skills and took part in a range of activities to develop their learning. "The School of Dreams" sponsored by Honda have donated £500 to the school to develop a community project to build on the work developed in the two days.



Business Masterclass

We have run 2 Business master class days in conjunction with Holiday Inn and Young enterprise. Year 9 Students looked at marketing strategies used to promote Holiday Inn. Yr 11 looked at developing a new business. The students were a real credit to the school and the winning Year 9 team won a 3 course meal for 2 at the Holiday Inn.



BIS Dragons Den – Henry Dawe – 9JMD

Hello my name is Henry Dawe and I have been involved with the Dragons Den event organised by BIS (Business Initiative for Schools). The event began with writing and drawing a business idea and following a selection process I had to present my idea with a powerpoint presentation to a small panel of local business people.

My idea let me get to the second panel. For this I had to improve my presentation and upgrade my idea to convince the panel to take me through to the final phase of the BIS programme.

I received £100 to help develop my product.

I was lucky enough to be selected onto the next stage which means I have been offered some business mentoring to help me develop my product and my business awareness. I am currently working on producing a business plan and sourcing a manufacturer to build a prototype of my product which is a hand held fire extinguisher which has detachable cartridges.





SPORTS REPORT



HOCKEY

Year 7 Hockey

There has been a great turnout for year 7 hockey which began in September, from the first training session a large group of girls were eager to come to train. During the season they have taken part in 3 main tournaments involving the other schools in the area. Being the first time some of them have even held a hockey stick, their first tournament was a little daunting. But well-equipped with their shiny new sticks, shin pads and gum shields they went into the matches with an inspiring enthusiasm. At each tournament we were able to enter an A and B team and each team played 3 or 4 matches. The girls had a mixture of wins, losses and draws; it was a lovely introduction to secondary school hockey. The girls loved every minute they played and learnt a great deal about team work and team spirit as well as developing their skills and confidence through game play.

Some of the girls and boys also had the opportunity of taking part in a mini hockey tournament between tutor groups; which was organised by Megan Benham and Cayla Hammond, Year 11 Btec Sport Diploma students. My thanks to the girls for providing this opportunity for the younger students.

Most Committed: Maria Stennett

Most Improved: Fahamina Hossain

Player of the Season: Hannah Grinter

Year 8/9 Hockey mini-tournament

Some of the girls also had the opportunity of taking part in a mini hockey tournament; which was organised by Jas Clarke and Chloe Perkins, two Year 11 Btec Sport Diploma students. My thanks to the girls for providing this opportunity for the younger students. Looking towards next term, we have girls netball teams for years 7-11, boys football teams and cross country events. All are welcome. For further details please see the sports notice board or speak with a member of the PE staff

Year 8 Hockey

We have had a very successful season this year. Large numbers turned out to practice on a Tuesday and worked hard to develop their skills and team work. Two squads were chosen lead by Sophie Butcher and Olivia Maxey. It has been difficult for the students this year as many of them have had drama, orchestra or choir commitments as well therefore an extra training night was organised so that we could still put out two strong squads. Matches started well with wins against Castle A & B and The Academy A & B however we were out played against two very strong squads from Heathfield. These results place us second in the Area League A. Well done to both team captains who organised and lead their teams well. Consistently outstanding performances came from Ellie Wakeman and Rosie Brain in defence, Jasmine Chapman and Olivia Maxey in midfield and Sophie Butcher and Katie Wright up front and Chelsie Dingle in goal. Well done girls it's been a pleasure coaching all of you this year.

Most Committed Player: Sophie Butcher

Most Improved Player: Ellie Wakeman

Player of the Season: Rosie Brain

Year 9 Hockey

A very large squad meant that other school commitment didn't have a huge impact on the squads' success this year. Training has been fun with all the girls putting in 100% effort despite poor weather at times. All the girls have made excellent progress; they are stronger, technically better and have really clicked as a team. The quality I most admire in them is their determination and desire to win – they have never given up and have supported each other in an admirable way. With two wins, one draw and 1 loss this season has placed us second in the Area League A. I would like to praise all the girls that have played this year but would like to mention key players who have played consistently well and have made a significant impact to the team.; in defence Fleur Walker, Siobhan Ellett, Gabi Gonta, in midfield, Millie Rossiter and Chloe Mayhew and up front Caitlyn Dennehy. A great season girls, I look forward to next year.

Most Committed Player: Millie Rossiter

Most Improved Player: Jess Walding

Player of the Season: Chloe Mayhew



SPORTS REPORT



HOCKEY

Key Stage 3 Boys (Years 7-9)

Lack of commitment lead to the team having to play one short on two occasions and having one match cancelled altogether. They had an extremely tough match against Holyrood who had four pre-County players. However, the team responded brilliantly in their next match against Castle, only losing by one goal. Imagine what the result could have been had we had a full team.

Most improved player - Ben Prouse
Most committed players - Brendon Gammon & Matthew Lee
Most valuable player - Tom Harris

Year 10 Boys

The boys have played really well with Levi having a phenomenal time in goal against Haygrove saving everything except one goal, leaving the result a well-earned 1-1 draw. The team still have two more matches to play and are still in the County Cup having had a walk-over against Park School.

Most improved player - Daniel Mayo
Most committed player - Joao Matos
Most valuable player - Levi Hembrow

Year 11 Boys

The boys had a tough opening game against Castle who have County and regular Club players in their team. They fought well but could not contain them. The boys then had a very close encounter with Haygrove but unfortunately despite some good build-up we could not get the vital goal and ended up losing 1-0. A number of players are invaluable to the team namely: Giles Wills, Brad Phillips, Cameron Pearson, Luke McKillop, Jakub Kontowicz and George Sharkey so the most valuable player could go to any of them.

Three members of the squad have also tried-out for the Somerset County squads so congratulations to them! You will only get better if you now take the next step and start playing Club hockey!!

Most improved player - Giles Wills
Most committed player - Giles again!
Most valuable player - The team!!

Year 10 Girls

The girls did not start out too well losing most of their matches, but the spirit in which they play lead them to turn the losing streak around and come up with some very good wins. They are a very committed bunch, with the most committed being the two named below, who do not wish to play in the games but turn up to every practice and stand on the sidelines supporting the girls when they can. There have been some extremely good performances from a number of players such as Ruth Jeanes, Zannie Schock, Issy Heybourne and Issy Cross, but the whole team does put in a lot of effort to achieve and as already stated this has lead to better results!

Most improved player- Jodie Dingle
Most committed players - Beth Jeanes & Vicky Gregory
Most valuable player - Issy Heybourne





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RUGBY

Year 7 Rugby

Year 7 practices were very well attended at the beginning of the year, which allowed for very effective training sessions, focussing on skill development and raising players understanding of the game. A core squad of around 26 students have allowed Year 7 to enter 2 teams into all the area competitions this year, which have meant the boys have had a lot of rugby.

We have showed some progress throughout the 3 area tournaments that took place this year, with some losses we hope to learn from and some hard fought wins. Liam Winter and Andrew Haydon captained the teams very well and have a great set of core skills to develop for the future. Special mention goes to Jack Mayhew and Mitchell Needham whose commitment and work ethic have shown them to be players to look out for in the future and role models to the other players in the team. Not forgetting the progress of players like Tom Stone, Rhyan Wiggins and Matthew Kingdom to name a few who have improved so much from their first outings at Fox's.

I would also like to say that we have still had students join the squad later on in the year and they have had a positive impact on the team also. We are hoping to run a Year 7 inter form competition before the holidays to keep the boys focussed, but I can honestly say I am looking forward to next season already. Hopefully with some new faces and the existing commitment to develop and compete, we should be very competitive next year. Well done boys.

Player of the season - Mitchell Needham
Most committed - Harry Smith/Zak Linham
Most Improved - Andrew Haydon

Year 8 Rugby

The year 8 rugby team have made a very promising start to their 15 a side careers. Playing 6 games in all, only once were they beaten comprehensively with the other 5 fixtures ending in either victory, a close defeat or in one case a draw. It often takes a little time to adapt to the full 15 a side game and the boys are developing every game as they gain more experience. The forwards, ably led by captain Pavel Wosjik have become a force to be reckoned with. Strength in the back row provided by Jamie Janus, Isaac Thorne and Aaron Henson has been matched by an ever improving front row with Callum Lee and Hopkin Morgan at prop. Mark Sanders and Zak Harris have taken well to the role of flanker with both proving to be pivotal in the team's success.

The backs are beginning to play some nice rugby and further improvements in handling will come with practice. Eli Hutt has played well at fly half and with speed machines Harvey Revollada and Curtis Clark at centre, the boys have managed to notch up some excellent tries. Sam Payne has also found himself on the score sheet as has Kye Toogood who has also made a promising start with the boot. All in all a season with bright promise and if the boys can get themselves down to a rugby club and develop their skills further they are going to be a formidable team in the future.

Player of the Season – Zak Harriss
Most Committed Player – Pavel Wosjik
Most Improved Player – Hopkin Morgan



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Year 9 Rugby

The Year got off to an extremely promising start with some 30+ students attending training. This made things very competitive and resulted in a good attitude from all. The opening two fixtures were disappointing despite good performances as basic errors lead to heavy defeats. However wins were to follow against Heathfield and The Academy and the progress was clear to see.

Although the team have been the key to success, strong performances in the pack by Ryan Harding, Connor Tubb, Sam Hammond, Henry Dawe, Adrian Lane and Jack Scadden have been very impressive whilst in the backs George Johnson, Will Larkman, Tom Bennett and Tom Harris have all been important.

Mention should also go to Fahad Hossain and Nathan Webster who played in the early games and were then unavailable. I am really hopeful that the team are building and with continued effort will develop further. To everyone involved a huge pat on the back!

Most Improved Player: Bradley Welch
Most Committed Player: George Johnson
Most Valuable Player: Ryan Harding

Year 10 Rugby

Year 10 have been a very committed squad this year demonstrating great enthusiasm to do well and a great work ethic. This season got off to a tough start with a narrow loss to Kingsmead. However, for the 5 following area league games the team only lost 1 more game. The Season culminated in an Area Cup final against Kingsmead once more and resulted in a reverse of the result on the opening fixture, which truly showed the progress and development of the side over the season.

Having won the final, the team went into the regional/county cup to represent the area and they represented themselves outstandingly well, with a competitive loss in the semi finals. The team was lead very well this year by Ben Thomas, with stand out performances by Alex Haydon, Seb Bailey, Josh Bryant, Sam Goodall, Harry Gutteridge and Aaron Wood to name but a few. Ben, Sam, Aaron and Harry also went through to the county trials this year and did very well.

This year has set the standard for a great season next season. I hope the boys who are not playing club rugby at the moment join clubs outside of school to maintain their progress and show the same commitment and attitude next year as they did this. Great season Year 10.

Player of the Season - Harry Gutteridge
Most Committed - Alex Haydon
Most Improved - Seb Bailey

Year 11 Rugby

Year 11 started the year positively but varied numbers at training made it difficult to be consistent with planning. There is much promise but inconsistency makes it difficult to prepare. Mention should be made of Cameron Pearson, Jordan Hartland, Kellon Booker, Dom Neave, Tom Sloman, George Sharkey, Dan Thatcher, Marco Cardoso, George Gilham and Joe Conway. I hope they continue to play rugby post school.

Most Improved Player: George Sharkey
Most Committed Player: Cameron Pearson
Most Valuable Player: Tom Sloman



**YEAR 12 CERTIFICATE
PRESENTATION EVENING
THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2011
at 7pm**



INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT AWARDS

SUBJECT	STUDENT	SUBJECT	STUDENT
English	Jennifer Cook	Electronics	Thomas Wilkinson
Mathematics	Hannah Jeanes	Art	Alice Shipley
Science GCSE	Hannah Jeanes	Business Studies	Chloe Oaten & Luke Coleman
Science BTEC	Becky Lloyd	Food Technology	Matthew Sparkes
Modern Languages		Music	Rumbi Dozwa
French	Amberley Leyton	Dance	Charlotte Stone
Spanish	Martha Preater	Drama	Ben Leach
History	Emma Bell	Physical Education	
Geography	Amberley Leyton	Boy	Ben Leach
Religious Education	Hannah Jeanes	Girl	Bethany Sellick
Resistant Materials	Hannah Jeanes	BTEC Sport	Kieren Cottrell
Graphic Products	Paula Sowa	ICT	Thomas Wilkinson
Media	Thomas Wilkinson		
FLC Award	Sigourney Sweet		

BISHOP FOX'S CUP
for Outstanding GCSE Results 2011
Hannah Jeanes

BISHOP FOX'S CUP
for Outstanding Exam Achievement 2011
(Awarded for the most improved results between KS2 – KS4)
Alice Shipley



KS4 – EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT
*(Made to the student in KS 4 who has shown academic excellence combined
with a positive and committed approach to work)*
Christopher Speed



KS4 – SOMERSET CAREERS AWARD
Hannah Cook

A big thank you to
Kathryn Speed for the music



Our 2011 Christmas Card.



***Merry Christmas from
Staff, Students and Governors of Bishop Fox's.***

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered Bishop Fox's gets £488 this year.

With this money we could [*add in here specific examples how the school plans to use the Pupil Premium*]. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get [*explain any other benefits that the school or local authority may make available to pupils registered for Free School Meals e.g. help with costs of school trips*].

Please register before Christmas to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Chapman at Bishop Fox's who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £488 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £488 extra.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.
Come and talk to us if you're not sure.