



The Bishop David Brown School

Enabling all to excel

Principal's Newsletter

26th September 2025

Dear BDB Families,

Continuing to build a positive BDB community relies on excellent working relationships between staff and students. We try to have positive interactions with pupils wherever possible, and make sure that praise and rewards outweigh any sanctions.

It has been a pleasure to host my first '**Principal's Praise**' sessions for pupils in Years 8 and 11 this week who have been nominated by their form tutors - congratulations to them all!

Celebrating European Day of Languages

This year, we marked the **European Day of Languages** with a special assembly dedicated to celebrating linguistic diversity and cultural richness. Our students and staff explored the importance of preserving languages and the unique perspectives they bring to our community.

To make the week even more engaging, we challenged our students to greet their teachers in different languages, fostering a sense of curiosity and appreciation for the multilingual world. This initiative not only highlighted the vibrant cultures within our school but also encouraged students to engage with languages on a daily basis.

We're proud to nurture a school environment that values linguistic diversity and excited to see our students embracing languages in such a positive way and look forward to building on this enthusiasm throughout the year.

Inspiring our Year 11 students

This week saw Brett Foreman, the Principal of **Woking College**, visit our Year 11 cohort for an inspiring assembly and the importance of knowing what their chosen A-levels entail.

When students visit the college for their **Open Evening on Thursday 16th October**, they should explore the subjects that interest them and ask plenty of questions to help confirm their choices and reduce the need for changes next September.

Brett also highlighted the importance of students being well-rounded individuals, encouraging them to take part in the college's enrichment activities and/or other opportunities outside of college, as this can positively influence their chances of being accepted by their chosen university.

BDB works closely with our surrounding colleges and last week **Brooklands College** visited to inform students about their vocational courses and apprenticeships. Next week, we will be visited by **Activate Learning**, the Academy that runs **Guildford College, Merrist Wood College** and **Farnham College** amongst others. We also have plans for 6th form schools and MIT skills to visit.

Whilst at the start of the year we are focusing on Year 11, these colleges will also be visiting throughout the year to speak with Years 9 and 10 as part of their engagement with further education providers. In addition, the colleges will have stalls at our upcoming **Careers Fair on Thursday 4th December**, which parents will be invited to attend from 3-4pm.