



The Bishop David Brown School

*Enabling all to excel*

## Principal's Newsletter

5th December 2025

Dear BDB Families,

It has been another busy week at BDB, with festive decorations appearing throughout the site, and Christmas lunch taking place next week.

A clear highlight was the fantastic Careers Fair on Thursday. We welcomed approximately 40 exhibitors from a variety of sectors and post-16 providers - a huge thank you to the parents who gave their time, or who attended at the end of the day.

I am keen to celebrate many events throughout year, recognising the diverse religious and cultural heritage of our BDB community. Plans are afoot for an inclusive Iftar during the holy month of Ramadan, as well as a cultural dress day and a 'Japan Day' next term. Of course, later in the year, the International Festival will be a highlight.

With very best wishes,  
Ms C Venter

### BDB House Talent Show Competition

Thank you to all the parents who came and supported us. We had over 15 acts, and because of the talent on display, our judges decided to create new categories to ensure as many students as possible were recognised. This year, the categories were: **Individual** and **Group Act**, **Original/Triple Threat Performance**, **Best Costume**, and the new category: **A Surprise Package!** We look forward to hosting this again next year!

### Water Bottles

Students must bring a reusable water bottle to school each day. If they forget, water is available in the canteen during break times. Students should only go to First Aid for water if there is a medical reason.

### Spotlight on Creative and Performing Arts at BDB

The Creative and Performing Arts at BDB has been thriving and finding new roots with the new and exciting team. This year, students have already been able to embrace a wide range of opportunities across Drama, Music and Art. We began by reorganising the department to ensure all resources were prepared for high-quality learning. Our Year 11 students experienced a thrilling theatre trip to see Ghost Stories, giving our GCSE students valuable material for their requirement to analyse a live performance. Our Music students visited George Abbot School with Surrey Arts, where they heard their GCSE set works performed live, deepening their musical understanding.

Preparations are now underway for our Recital Evening on 11th December, featuring our own gallery of artwork to view as you walk into the theatre, followed by performances from our KS3 Drama Club, Musical Theatre and a variety of musical acts. We also have an exciting Art trip to France, as well as two more theatre visits – Anything Goes and Blood Brothers – planned for the future.

Our whole-school production of Oliver Jr is progressing brilliantly, with rehearsals well underway and a production meeting this week for those interested in behind-the-scenes roles. Please watch this space for tickets!