



The Bishop David Brown School

*Enabling all to excel*

## Principal's Newsletter

9th January 2026

Dear BDB Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that it was an enjoyable break and that your children have had a good start to school this week, despite the wintry weather.

We have been reflecting on what the new year means for us all, as I am sure you have been at home. My assembly to students encouraged them to first 'clear the year (2025)', considering high points, low points and what they learnt about themselves. Honest reflection on 2025 is the springboard from which to plan realistic goals and to adjust habits so that 2026 can be the best year possible. I encouraged the students to think about what they would start, stop, and continue across areas of their life, such as:

- Learning habits in class and at home
- Levels of resilience, and seeking support and developing further strategies to help them in times of particular challenge
- Improving their physical and mental health
- Positive and strong friendships and relationships with family members
- Who are their 'influencers' and role models - do they bring out the best in them? And equally, are they themselves being good role models for others?

As we look ahead to the term, I want to thank you for your support towards our shared goal of your children thriving during their time at BDB and beyond!

With very best wishes,

Ms C Venter



### Year 9 Options

To support students in making informed decisions about their future pathways, we will be hosting the **Year 9 Guided Choices Evening** on **Thursday 15th January - 4pm-6pm**. This event will provide an opportunity for students and parents to learn more about the available subjects, ask questions and receive guidance on selecting the courses that best suit individual interests and strengths. We look forward to welcoming you to this informative evening.

### Uniform Reminders

This term, we continue to maintain our high expectations regarding uniform.

- Skirts must have the logo visible
- Shirts tucked in
- Top buttons fastened
- School shoes only – no trainers
- No flared trousers
- No white socks over tights
- No hoop earrings

We appreciate continued parental support in ensuring students wear the correct school uniform each day.

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**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

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