



The Bishop David Brown School

Enabling all to excel

Principal's Newsletter

27th February 2026

Dear BDB Families,

I hope that Ramadan and Lent have started well for those in our community who are observing these holy times. As you may be aware, we are trialling multi-faith prayer rooms which are available during Break 2. So far, we have been very impressed with the maturity students have shown in respecting other worshippers. You will have been sent information about our family Iftar earlier this week; I look forward to sharing this with you on Friday 13th March.

We have had a busy week since half-term, with Year 11s staying focused on their last assessment point before 'the real thing'. We have also been responding to challenges presented by social media, inappropriate use of AI and the potential risk of harm and violence from TiKTok / social media trends. Further to the letter sent earlier today, please find an additional letter from Surrey Police below. We continue to work closely with our community partners to highlight any threats of harm that we become aware of - thank you for your vigilance in this matter.

Ms C Venter

Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 students will be taking part in a one-week Work Experience programme from 6th July to 10th July. This is an exciting opportunity for them to spend time in a real working environment and gain valuable insight into different industries and career pathways.

If you, or someone you know, would be willing to host a Year 10 student for a placement during this week, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Work Experience plays an important role in helping students develop key employability skills, build confidence, and better understand the expectations of the workplace. Even a short placement can make a significant and lasting impact on a young person's future aspirations.

If you are able to support us, or would like more information about what is involved in hosting a student, please email: achristofidis@bdb-unity.co.uk.

We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of our families and the wider community.

Gordon Ramsay Academy Trip

Yesterday, 16 of our Year Hospitality and Catering students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Gordon Ramsay Academy in Woking, where they took part in a hands-on Junior Chefs workshop.

During the session, students prepared a selection of delicious dishes, including homemade samosas and chicken tikka skewers.

Working entirely from scratch, they developed their knife skills, food preparation techniques, and understanding of flavour combinations. Under the expert guidance of two professional chefs, students were supported step by step through the cooking process, gaining valuable insight into industry standards and professional kitchen practices.

The experience not only enhanced their practical skills but also gave them a real taste of working in a professional culinary environment.

The feedback was that they were one of the most polite groups the chefs had ever worked with and that their skills were beyond their years. The students really enjoyed the experience and have given amazing feedback.



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