



The Bishop David Brown School

Enabling all to excel

Principal's Newsletter

6th March 2026

Dear BDB Families,

One of the most powerful qualities we can nurture in our young people is curiosity. A curious mind is an open mind—ready to explore, question, and make sense of the world. Today as we welcomed visitors from our partner school in Japan, our students approached interactions with enthusiasm—asking thoughtful questions, sharing stories, and discovering similarities and differences—a reminder of how meaningful cross-cultural learning can be. It encourages empathy, broadens horizons, and builds the foundations for global citizenship.

As a school, we strive to model and cultivate this attitude every day. **We are a welcoming, supportive, curious and respectful community where everyone grows together.** In the classroom, curiosity is equally essential. When students approach lessons with a curious mindset, they open the door to deeper understanding and more meaningful learning. At home this weekend, you could encourage some curious questions ahead of next week's British Science Week!

With best wishes, Ms C Venter

Supporting Local Charities

Do you want to feel a sense of accomplishment this Easter?

White Lodge is a local charity which supports people with disabilities from childhood to adulthood, enabling them to have a wide range of opportunities. This Easter, please consider **donating an Easter egg by Monday 9th March** in the IEC or the Learning Hub. These will be collected and distributed to the White Lodge community.



Year 10 Engineering - Tensile Bridge Challenge

Our Year 10 Engineering students recently put their design and construction skills to the test in an exciting Tensile Bridge Challenge. The brief was simple: design and build a bridge capable of holding the greatest possible weight – using only a limited selection of tools and materials.

Students were provided with a steel rule, glue gun, scissors, junior hacksaw and metal vice. The materials available included 200 × 1000mm lollipop sticks, 20 stirrers, string, two sheets of A4 card, unlimited masking tape and one glue stick. Working within these constraints, students demonstrated impressive creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills as they planned, built and tested their structures.

The current leaders, holding an outstanding 15kg, are Maxim, Yusuf, Kian and Harkaran. Close behind with a very respectable 9kg are Leney, Zachary, Bobby and Ayaan.

A fantastic effort from all involved – we look forward to seeing if anyone can surpass the current record in the next round of testing.

