



Development Update



Message from the Head Master

Good afternoon

On behalf of everyone at Bishop's, I would like to take this moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported the school through generous donations of funds and time. We very much appreciate your help. Your contributions will enable us to improve our School for the benefit of every student.

On the next few pages, you will see some of our successes over the last year, as well as our aspirations for the future. At the forefront of our thinking has been the need to ensure Bishop's remains a seat of learning, supporting academic endeavour, extra-curricular opportunities, and preparing students for further education and future careers. To support this, we are in the process of developing a plan of improvements - a vision for how our School could look and operate in the future including new sporting facilities, new music facilities, a new Science laboratory and the new Bishopgate teaching block. We believe that by providing our students with improved facilities and a nurturing environment, we can help them reach their full potential.

I am excited to share that our Head of Development, Caroline Popham, has successfully secured some grant funding and support from generous donors - specifically for music and sport, providing us with a fantastic start to the year. She is busy applying for grants on an ongoing basis, planning fundraising events and running initiatives such as the **BWS Business Partnership Scheme** and the **'Above and Beyond' regular giving campaign** to help turn this vision into a reality. We will need the support of the whole School community, whether through volunteering, attending events, or supporting our initiatives, so please read on to find out how you can get involved. We look forward to sharing more updates with you in the coming months and celebrating our achievements together.

Dr Stuart Smallwood, Head Master



ABOVE AND BEYOND

Taking our school above and beyond expectations

We have launched The Above and Beyond campaign to bridge the gap between where Government funding ends and the Bishop Wordsworth's experience begins.

The vital additional income that regular giving generates ensures that the education we provide surpasses the basic level of educational provision provided by government. Together we can continue to provide an exciting, enriched educational experience for all pupils. We hope that all families can spare an amount each month, whether it is £10 or £100, your regular contribution, added to others, will make a significant difference to your child and our school.

Why support us?

A regular donation to our Above and Beyond campaign helps fund the day to day co-curricular and enrichment "extras" that are vital in supporting the already outstanding teaching and learning we offer every child at our school. This year, the 'extras' listed below may not have been available to our students without contributions to the Above and Beyond Annual Campaign.

Pastoral Care

Dedicated pastoral mentors, school counsellors, and a range of resources to support mental health and well-being.

Sport and Adventure

Regular gifts allow us to offer a wide range of extracurricular opportunities which require specialist equipment. Regular Giving would enable us to employ a Sports Assistant to support the work of the staff and coaches.

Clubs and Societies

Parent donations support a huge range of lunchtime clubs and societies, which enable pupils to expand their range of skills and knowledge beyond the classroom. From Art, Chess, Debating, and Drama, to Engineering, Lego, Medicine, Law, Philosophy, Politics, STEM and more.

Careers

Extended project work as well as UCAS, Medical School and Degree Apprenticeship applications, and our annual HE and careers conference.

Art and Music

Our Art Technicians and our extensive extra-curricular music opportunities including Bishop's Brass, the Bishop's Band, Choir, Music Theory and Orchestra clubs.

STEM

We have specialist laboratories and resources for experiments and run science practicals for all year groups. We employ laboratory technicians to enable this to happen.





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GIVE A LITTLE, CHANGE A LOT

Gift Aid

However you choose to donate, for every £1 donated by UK taxpayers Bishop Wordsworth's can claim an additional 25p from the Government via the Gift Aid scheme. If you are a UK taxpayer, please tick the box when making a donation to enable us to maximise the value of your gift. If you are a higher rate tax payer, there is even better news. You can reclaim part of your donation in your next tax return, so a donation of £100, including Gift Aid, actually only costs you £55.

Monthly amount you pay (£)	Total amount you pay per year (£)	Gift Aid claimed by BWS (£)	Gift amount school receives (£)
10	120	30	150
30	360	90	450
40	480	120	600
100	1200	300	1500

Corporate Matched Giving

By giving through a company matched-giving scheme, you could double the value of your donation to Bishop's. Contact your employer to find out if they support matched giving.

Donations made through a matched-giving scheme are "topped up" by your employer sometimes pound-for-pound—increasing the amount that Bishop's receives. The details of how matched-giving schemes work can vary from one company to another. Some schemes top-up donations by a percentage of the original gift. Other schemes offer to match gifts up to a certain amount.

Please support Bishop Wordsworth's today by making a gift. Any regular or one-off donation, large or small, will make a huge difference.

Regular and one-off donations can be made via the BWS Network or via MCAS: www.bwsnetwork.org.uk/supportus



BWS Musicathon - an epic 24 hours of nonstop, live music, raising over £4,000!



At 10 AM on October 11th, the BWS music department kicked off an incredible 24-hour musicathon featuring nonstop, live musical performances throughout the school.

Students, parents and staff showcased their talents through solos, jam sessions, and small group performances, while the school orchestra, big band, and choir captivated audiences over the entire duration. A choir of more than 50 students, parents and staff gathered for a grand choral finale at the end of the musicathon.

This event was a fantastic celebration of talent and creativity, uniting the BWS community in support of a meaningful cause. We extend our gratitude to everyone who participated in this memorable event. Your contributions not only enrich our school community but also help pave the way for future musical endeavours at Bishop's.



FINE TUNING

Fine Tuning the Music Department



Our FINE TUNING campaign has been launched to raise funds to build a new music technology suite and new instruments. The Apple Mac Suite will feature Logic Pro X, a complete collection of sophisticated creative tools for professional songwriting, beat making, editing, and mixing. Logic Pro X includes a massive collection of instruments, effects, loops and samples, providing a complete toolkit to create amazing-sounding music.

We have purchased 23 Mac Minis and a teacher's iMac for the new Music Technology Suite. All will include Logic Pro X and midi keyboards. This is brilliant step in the right direction, but to be able to teach all pupils effectively we still require additional equipment:

- 6 x Apple Mac Mini desktop computers - £2,700
- 6 x Monitors, Mice and Keyboards - £750
- 6 x MIDI keyboards - £780
- 6 x Network sockets - £600
- 8 x Logic Pro X software licenses - £800
- 1 x Power Bar - £3,200
- 1 x Fibre Optic cabling (supply and fit) - £16,000
- 6 x JAMF Apple management and security solution software packages - £160
- 2 x MacBook computers - £5,000
- Acoustic pianos - £4,000 each

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please join us by donating now and help every pupil achieve their musical best at Bishop's:
<https://bwsnetwork.org.uk/supportus>

For further information, please contact Caroline Popham:
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BWS Business Partnership Scheme - Together, we mean Business

The BWS Business Partnership Scheme is a way for the school to build closer links with the business community, raise much needed funds, and enrich the lives of our students.

What are the benefits for your business?

In return for an annual fee, the BWS Business Partnership scheme offers your business the opportunity to network with other Partner members and to promote your services to our school's vast network of parents, alumni, pupils and the wider Wordsworthian community. The scheme provides opportunities for your business including marketing, advertising and networking, access to bright young talent, and the chance to boost your CSR credentials.

There is a range of partnership levels available, or we can work with you to build a bespoke package to suit your business objectives.

All profits raised will go towards our fundraising campaigns.

Contact Caroline Popham, Head of Development and Alumni Relations for more information:

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RATHBONES



BWS Business Partnership Scheme



Thank you to two of our BWS Business Partnership Scheme Partners, Wilsons Solicitors and Soper & Co. Mortgage Brokers. Their logos feature on our Elite Rugby Jerseys for both boys and girls, as well as our Old Wordsworthian rugby shirts.



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Complimentary Financial MOT for BWS parents with Rathbones

Our BWS Business Partnership Scheme Partner, Rathbones, is a leading provider of individual wealth management, asset management and related services to private clients, charities, trustees and professional partners. Rathbones are offering an exclusive, **FREE financial MOT** for Bishop Wordsworth's parents, staff and alumni with one of their experienced financial planners. For further details about this opportunity, please see below.

People come to Rathbones for our financial planning and investment expertise, as well as our personal service. We help our clients through all stages of their lives — whether they are beginning to save and invest for the first time, organising their financial affairs as their family grows, or approaching retirement and thinking about providing for future generations.

Whilst none of us can predict what the future holds, strengthening your finances today can help ensure you're as prepared as possible for whatever lies ahead. One of the best ways to do this is to conduct a financial MOT – an in-depth review your finances so that you can be certain your money is working as hard as it can for you. Working one-to-one with our financial planner, you'll benefit from their advice, and their ability to plan ahead to help you achieve your financial goals. We will start by getting to know you and your current and long-term needs as well as any personal goals. Using this information, we will work with you to create clear and precise financial objectives to work towards, aiming to reduce complexity and help you focus on what matters to you. We listen to understand your priorities and aspirations to create a wealth plan and investment strategy that's as individual as you are.

To book your appointment please contact Stephen Bennett at Rathbones:

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About Stephen Bennett

Stephen is an investment director managing a wide range of portfolios across a broad spectrum of client types including private clients, pension funds, trusts, companies and charities. He has particular expertise managing portfolios introduced by professional intermediaries, particularly financial advisers. Stephen is one of Rathbones' specialist investment speakers and has extensive experience of public speaking, both at in-person meetings and conferences, as well as through digital platforms.

Prior to beginning a career in investment management Stephen was a professional rugby player with Exeter Chiefs. Stephen holds an MA Finance and Investment from the University of Exeter and is a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment.

Big Bish Bash Cricket Festival 2024 raises over £2,000 for PITCH IN campaign



What a cracking day at the 'Britford Oval'! The second BWS Big Bish Bash saw 10 teams and lots of supporters joining us for a day of Cricket excitement, BBQ food, cream teas, a well-stocked bar, music, sunshine and games.

Well done to The Day2ers (OWs from the Class of 2021) who retained the trophy in the final match against The Heavy Rollers. Huge thanks to all our students, alumni, parents, our fantastic BWSPA parents' association and staff members who gave up their time to support the event.

The event raised over £2,000 towards the PITCH IN campaign to raise funds for cricket nets and an artificial grass pitch (AGP) at Britford Lane. Being able to host several different PE activities on one area will have big space saving benefits for the school whilst extending the programme of sports which we can offer. We also aim to increase participation and encourage more boys and girls to play cricket at Bishop's.

Big Bish Bash Cricket Festival 2024



Marathon Effort raises over £6,000 for PITCH IN campaign



Director of Sport and OW, Richard Demain-Griffiths, ran a marathon distance of 12 laps (each lap is 2.2 miles or 3.54km) of the Town Path run to raise money for new sports facilities as part of the school's PITCH IN campaign. To raise funds and awareness for the campaign Richard invited students, parents, staff, governors and alumni to join him for a lap, or more. More than 160 people participated throughout the day doing different laps, including a lunchtime walking lap. Some parents enjoyed the run so much that they completed multiple laps!

The Town Path training route is infamous among current students and Old Wordsworthians, as Richard is aware of from his days as a student at the school. "It's fairly infamous, it will either make you or break you to a degree. I wasn't a runner when I joined the school, when I first ran the Town Path, I would have been near the back. I've gone full circle. The running we do, maybe not enjoyed by all, provides every student with a baseline level of fitness and a level of grit to get it done – something that can then be taken into other walks of life. I often say it is part of the School's DNA. A huge thank you to everyone who joined me for the run and all those who sponsored us."

The success of the event was a testament to the community spirit at Bishop's. The PITCH IN campaign continues to inspire, bringing together individuals from various parts of the school community, united by a common goal. With plans already in the works for another BWS Run in 2025, the excitement is building. It promises to be another fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together, have fun, and contribute to the ongoing development of the school's facilities. Keep an eye out for announcements and prepare to lace up your running shoes once again!



Please PITCH IN - we've now raised over £80,000!

Our PITCH IN fundraising campaign aims to raise funds for a much-needed all weather pitch at Britford Lane. Following consultations with Sport England and Wiltshire County Council, the goalposts have moved (excuse the pun!) and we have been instructed to change the specification to an artificial grass pitch (AGP) and separate cricket nets. This means that the cost has increased to approximately £200,000.

The AGP will include a netball court, a 5-a-side football pitch, and space for team sports skills training. The new facility will allow all pupils to have enjoyment and benefit from exercise on a surface which can be used throughout the year. Being able to host several different PE activities on one area will have big space saving benefits for the school whilst extending the programme of sports which we can offer. We will also have the opportunity to open up the facility to local community groups such as sports clubs, summer sports camps providers and primary schools.

Thanks to everyone who has already supported our campaign, we have so far raised over £80,000. The Development team at Bishop's is busy planning fundraising events, contacting potential sponsors, and applying for grants.

HOW CAN YOU PITCH IN?

Please join us by donating now and become part of the continuing and inspiring story that is sport at Bishop's. There are many ways in which you or your business could support this campaign:

- A single donation – every penny goes towards the fundraising target
- Have your name on our PITCH IN Campaign Donor Board (Join the Century Club, Hat Trick Club, 501 Not Out Club or 1st XV Club)
- Individual Cricket Net sponsorship
- Sponsorship and Advertising opportunities for businesses
- Matched giving via your employer
- Attend one of our fundraising events



To support us please go to:
<https://bwsnetwork.org.uk/supportus>
For further information about the PITCH IN campaign, please contact Caroline Popham: cep@bishopwordsworths.org.uk



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BISHOP WORDSWORTH'S SCHOOL
Thank you to Supporters of the Sports Department

THE CENTURY CLUB	THE HAT TRICK CLUB	THE 501 NOT OUT CLUB	THE FIRST XV CLUB	SPONSOR
Lily Harffey	Shape Project Management	George Snelling	Richard Hill MBE	BWS Parents Association
Rob Bissett	Ms N. Rawson	Michael Webber	Martin Finch	Furniture Box
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The Pareek Family				The Old Wordsworthians Association
Daniel Farmer				
Tristan Matthews				
Oliver Arthey				
Sebastian Stewart				
Sebastian Wells				
Garyth Morris				

Join OW and England and Lions Rugby Legend Richard Hill MBE and have your child's or a business name on our PITCH IN Campaign Donor Board (Join the Century Club, Hat Trick Club, 501 Not Out Club or 1st XV Club).

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated so far, the donor board will soon be displayed in pride of place in the Sports Hall Foyer.

To add your name to the board: bwsnetwork.org.uk/supportus

Please email Caroline Popham cep@bishopwordsworths.org.uk to confirm what name you would like on the board.

Bishopgate - Building for the Future

Bishopgate Update

In February last year we purchased the Bishopgate buildings, located on the East side of Exeter Street. Negotiations are still ongoing with Wiltshire planning officers to find a design solution for the new teaching block that not only meets the School's needs but preserves the architectural heritage of the surrounds. The options currently being explored include how the temporary science laboratory can be removed without loss of overall teaching space.

We will need help from the Wordsworthian community to help us raise funds for new equipment and resources for the Bishopgate classroom block.

Please get in touch if you would like more information:
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The BWS Foundation



Lord Colin Sharman OBE (1961), Clive Barnett (HM 1992-2002), Dr Stuart Smallwood and others had the vision to form The BWS Foundation in 2017. Lord Sharman generously inaugurated the funding.

A registered charity, The BWS Foundation is committed to supporting the School by offering bursaries for disadvantaged students, facilitating career opportunities, and providing grants to help improve the school's built environment, estate and educational experience. We are delighted that The BWS Foundation support our School and its global community, The BWS Network, in helping to assist and connect Old Wordsworthians throughout their lifetime. The BWS Foundation also works alongside the School's Head of Careers, Sally Armstrong, to provide valuable internship opportunities for OW undergraduates and young graduates.

The BWS Foundation has three objectives:

Widening Access through funding bursaries

The BWS Foundation helps to ensure that talented young people from all backgrounds can benefit from the exceptional education Bishop's provides, regardless of their financial means, through access to bursaries for uniform, extracurricular activities, and transport.

Careers Enablement

The BWS Foundation has a successful Careers Enablement scheme which helps OW undergraduates and young graduates with securing work experience, internships, networking opportunities and valuable careers advice from experienced alumni.

Funding futures

Expertly managed by a board of Trustees, the fund's yearly revenue is sourced from fundraising activities. This financial support aids in providing bursaries and small grants for capital projects and educational ventures. The future goal is to establish and expand an endowment fund using part of the capital. The endowment fund's earnings can then be utilised for funding significant capital projects and educational experiences that benefit the entire School community.

Careers Enablement Success Stories

"As a second year undergrad, The BWS Foundation helped me prepare for face-to-face interviews for internships, and also gave me options for where I could spend the summer before my final year at university. Off the back of my internship at EY I received a full-time grad offer, so The Foundation helped me secure this offer through interview prep and subject-matter learning." **Tom Barrett OW**

"BWS Foundation Chair, Jon Shaw, gave me the opportunity for a month's work experience for a month at his firm, Shawpoint. However, the support has extended further than this as I have been helped with advice about what to research, what to read, what to learn and most importantly how to act and respond in certain situations. I am very grateful for the support - it has definitely helped me to achieve a better outcome. Initially, I was guided into choosing appropriate books to help me understand the culture of banking and this, together with regular phone calls throughout the year, has not only further fuelled my motivation for banking but has also given me a greater insight into city life." **Sam Waters OW**

"I found it very difficult to get past initial CV screenings with limited work experience in finance (investment banking in particular), despite having good academics. At the larger banks the volume of applicants was very high and therefore felt like a numbers game - without having something concrete to talk about I felt at a disadvantage. A lot of candidates came into University with a better understanding of the industry and were applying for Spring Weeks / Internships in their First Year - I did not start looking until Year 2, by which point a lot of my peers had already gained some CV experience. This made it difficult to get onto any IB internship programmes (I interned in Market Data instead), which then made it even more challenging for graduate roles in IB. I got in touch with The BWS Foundation through a friend from Bishop's who had supported him in getting his first graduate role. Foundation Chair, Jon Shaw, gave me some reassurance that everyone was in a similar situation - we then worked out a plan together as to how I was going to secure my first role. This involved multiple strategies including cold calling boutique banks, reaching out to the BWS network, and (most importantly) completing 2 weeks of work experience with Jon's firm. This work experience gave me the necessary leverage to start getting through the door and I began getting interviews in IB, PE and other related finance roles. Within 6 months I had gone from no interviews, to multiple interviews per week with some great banks and was eventually offered an internship at Drake Star Partners". **Dan Whittaker OW**

For further information about The BWS Foundation, please contact Caroline Popham: cep@bishopwordsworths.org.uk