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Throughout the school there are many different roles students can take on - an example of which is that the Year 11s have the opportunity to represent the school, becoming Head or Deputy Head boy or girl. However, what is the truth behind becoming such a significant role to the school's overall image? In order to find out what truly happens beneath the surface of representation, interviews were carried out in order to get opinions from the people taking on these said roles.

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LIFE BEHIND LEADERSHIP

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM HIERARCHY



Buckley, Finnuala
HEAD GIRL



Licayan, Rabin
HEAD BOY



Villanueva, Treena
DEPUTY
HEAD GIRL



Mariano, Paulyn
DEPUTY
HEAD GIRL



Eaton, Isaac
DEPUTY
HEAD BOY



Evans, Reegan
DEPUTY
HEAD BOY

Becoming Head or Deputy Head of the student body is not an easy task. Leaving interviews aside, the main preparation for becoming such a vital figure in the school is quite a task just there; as said by Finnuala - Head Girl of students attending Bishop Hedley Catholic High School - *“What I did, personally, was I bought flashcards... they helped me remember what I’m supposed to say.”* This showed how important it was for possible candidates to revise over material they were going to say, thus proving the determination needed.

Despite the initial difficulty faced, many representatives of these roles claim it’s a valuable opportunity for their future, as well as a chance worth experiencing. Deputy Head Girl, Treena, stated that: *“I believe this position is of significant importance... I believe with this role, I can make a big difference in the school.”* Hence showing the way these figures want to be remembered. Furthermore, if inferred, it shows how pupils want to make a change in the school - believing their newfound role will allow them to do so.

Even though most people who have been interviewed were satisfied with their roles, some - when asked - admitted they did consider other roles in the beginning. These changes were only slightly varied from roles they currently acquire. When questioned due to the vagueness of their reply and overall diversion from their momentary choices, the simple replies came of ‘not being sufficient enough for that role’. Paulyn, another Deputy Head Girl, reasoned to that question: *“I’m more functional than social,”* tangentially, also showing the different skills based in each aspiring position.

To conclude the interview, these inspirational people were asked what they would advise to those looking into joining the Senior Leadership Team. Messages such as: “Try to take part in as many activities as you can...” Finnuala, Head Girl. “I would suggest to go for it... it is an opportunity for you.” Treena, Deputy Head Girl. A key thing to take from these pieces of advice is to prepare for such an important role as early as possible, but to also embrace and appreciate the chance given.

THE END OF AN ERA



WRITTEN BY: KAMILA POLECHAJLO AND JAC HUGHES

On the 20th of July, Bishop Hedley's headteacher, Mrs Harris, will be going into retirement after being head for for 35 years.

We went to go interview her to ask her about her thoughts of the school and what she is planning to do. Our first question was: *“What was your favourite memory as being head here?”* She answered with, *“One of my favourite memories was when Mrs Harrington was on stage, because she likes to go on stage, and then she disappeared because she fell over a box!”*

We then asked her *“What was the hardest part being head teacher?”* She said *“The hardest part was fighting for sixth form, all the bureaucracy that goes behind running the school and making sure everything runs smoothly.”*

Our third question was *“Are you planning on doing anything after retiring?”* She answered with: *“I’m doing a part time job and I will be working 78 days a year as a challenge advisor, so I’m looking forward to spending more time with my family. I’ve also got a few little trips planned to London, France and just little trips away.”*

The next question we asked was: *“What are you most proud of here in Bishop Hedley?”* Mrs Harris told us, *“I think my most proud moment was when we hosted the International Space Science Trust and had people from NASA come to visit us. They commented on our hospitality, courtesy, curiosity and hardwork. I was really, really proud that someone that has been to space has said that this has been one of the best schools they’ve been to”*.

Our last question to her was: *“Do you have any final messages for the school?”* And she said that we have to shoot for the stars.

MRS WALTERS RETIRES



WRITTEN BY: PAIGE SOUTHWORTH AND FABIO MASSIMO

Mrs Walters will be missed!

This Friday, the 20th of July, 2018 - Mrs Walters will retire from teaching here in Bishop Hedley High School, after 32 years of teaching Welsh. She was an important figure within the school staff over the course of her career. Because of this, (and the fact that she will retire) we went to do interview her in which she answered. She was a great help to all the staff and pupils in Bishop Hedley and enjoyed the many years she spent teaching here.

Mrs Walters loved teaching all throughout the years in which she worked here. Additionally, she loved the pupils - each one being different. This has been the main thing to her enjoyment; she loved teaching. Her favourite memories about this school are the fun times: teaching dance on the stage, funny things which have happened in class, things that have been said by the students and so on. She said she doesn't have many plans after she retires, but would maybe love to do some travelling and stay with her family.

MR BREWER'S DRAMA WORKSHOP



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Today and tomorrow (16th and 17th July) Mr Brewer is holding two days of drama and theatre activities. Many children are experiencing and building their confidence with their classmates. Fortunately, we got to interview Mr Brewer and ask him some questions.

We sat down with Mr Brewer and asked him: *“What brought you to the school?”* And he responded, *“I came here as a student and I've been working part time in the office for four years.”* So he was used to the school and had past involvement with it.

We also asked him, *“What are you doing in the next two days? What skills are you offering?”* He answered, *“Today we've been doing skill development, building our confidence and well, just having a little bit of fun!”* Mr Brewer's drama activities help pupils to get better in all they do with relevance to drama, but also whilst having an enjoyable time. After observing for a short while, we could already tell all the pupils are having a great time - even the teachers were excited.

The third question we asked was: *“What are your plans for the Year 10s in the future?”* We asked him this as we know he teaches Year 10s already. He replied, *“The Year 10s are starting their GCSE's in September and we are going to be looking at a short play called 'Two Faces That Talks About*

Our last question was, *“Can you tell us about the upcoming musical in February?”* As Mr Brewer is helping and getting people to star in the musical, he stated he's not holding auditions yet. Mr Brewer told us *“It's going to take place the week before half term in February for three nights - but I haven't decided what show to do yet as I want to see what the pupils can do before I pick.”* In general, Mr Brewer is doing an excellent job as our drama teacher and our new English teacher!

HOPKINS AS HEAD



WRITTEN BY: FINNUALA BUCKLEY AND NIAMH WILLIAMS

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First, when asked how she was feeling about assuming the role, she answered with: *“I love the school and I am looking forward to taking the school on a further journey.”* We also asked Mrs Hopkins what changes she would bring to Bishop Hedley, for this she said, *“I want to just tweak the changes we already having here and would especially like to help out year 10 and 11 pupils with their revision by having more space for revision.”*

Mrs Hopkins also expressed her opinions on improving the faith in Bishop Hedley. She said that, *“I would like to introduce more links between the local parish and the school and I also think it would be nice to go on more retreats to religious places,”* when asked how faith would be made more prominent when she is headteacher. Being a headteacher is obviously very different from being an RE teacher, so when asked her opinions on this Mrs Hopkins replied with: *“The day to day routine will clearly be different but I will still be doing my best to improve the school lives of the pupils, this time focused on everything rather than just RE on its own.”*

Finally, we asked Mrs Hopkins how she will overall improve the school for pupils and staff. She said she will, *“Look to improve the work and life balance for staff and to make sure all pupils feel they are in a safe, secure environment when they are in school.”*

Overall, Mrs Hopkins is really looking forward to becoming the new headteacher of Bishop Hedley and we have every faith that she will do a fantastic job!

INTERVIEW WITH CARIAD INGLES



WRITTEN BY: EVE MORGAN AND KAMILA POLECHAJLO

Today we got the opportunity to meet with and ask questions about journalism with Cariad Ingles. She is a past pupil who left three years ago and she is now taking journalism at Cardiff University. She answered all of our questions and gave us some insides of journalism in college, we were very thankful for her time as some of us are aspiring journalists.

Our first question asked was, *“How long does it take for you to complete your course in college for journalism?”* Cariad responded with: *“Well it takes about three years.”* She told us how it wasn’t as long as she thought it would be and it actually went pretty quick.

We also asked her about her experience doing exams and tests: *“Do you do exams in journalism?”* she replied, *“Yes, I’ve done three this year and one was very informal and I expected them to be harder.”*

The next question was, *“What do you do whilst studying journalism?”* She said, *“Well we have lectures two or three times a week and then we have lessons where we recap what we did in the lectures. We don’t do much writing but we have a lot of very long essays to write at home instead.”*

We were very intrigued about what path she wanted to pursue in journalism. She told us, *“I really want to do politics - I’m currently doing propaganda, war and the history of journalism.”* Many people in Years 8 - 10 have been doing propaganda and fake news for the past few weeks as well.

BISHOP BABY BOOM



WRITTEN BY: JAC HUGHES

Is there something in the water that the female staff are drinking in Bishop Hedley?

With staff retiring, there is also a number of staff who are expecting a baby or who have already had a baby this school year! We wish Mrs Anderson; Mrs Smith; Miss Williams; Mrs Horton; Miss Walters and Miss Lewis all the best with their new little ones!

A SPECIAL GOODBYE



On the 20th of July, 2018 - three extraordinary teachers will be leaving Bishop Hedley High School; Miss Ganda, Miss Whitcombe and Mr Harris. We all want to say what a shame it will be to have such amazing figures leave this school! However, we also want to wish you all luck for the future.

Miss Whitcombe - you have been a very valuable asset to Bishop Hedley High School. Without your expertise, this school wouldn't be the same. We will all miss you, and hope the best for the road ahead of you!

Miss Ganda - English lessons have always been the classes everybody has looked forward to. It will be very hard to see you go, but we all wish you a pleasant future ahead!

Mr Harris - you have been a great addition to this school and to see you go is very upsetting. However, we wish you all the best for your future.