



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

We finish the week in glorious sunshine. I have seen some beautiful pictures of Carding Mill Valley, Shropshire on our Twitter feed @BVG51527. I am very jealous of the Y11 Geographers who were there on a field trip today. Thanks to all the Geography team for organising this trip.

We have begun Black History Month here at school. It was good to welcome Pastor Errol Lawson to school on Thursday who gave an inspiring talk about Nelson Mandela and what he can teach us about courage, passion for learning and respect. Also in assemblies this week we have had the Year 7 and 8 Spelling Bee in which Red House were triumphant and Mr Baugh gave an excellent talk to Year 11 on 'Sleep'.

It has been a busy time in the Library. The student librarian leaders and Miss Brown are delighted with their new ties! They have been very busy organising our Lichfield Literature Festival event on Monday. Period 3 on Monday sees Year 7, and our Year 5 visitors from Whitehouse Common, listening to the author Guy Bass. Period 5 sees Year 8 listening to the author Bryony Pearce. Please can I encourage all Year 7 and 8 to bring along a £1 voluntary contribution to help fund Monday's author visits. Please also note that Guy Bass will be selling his most recent book, for those who wish, for purchase at £5.99. Lunchtime on Monday also sees our first ever 'book swap'. Details are below.

Got a book you don't read anymore?

- Wrap it up in any paper
- Label it with:
 - genre
 - suitable age
- Bring it to school on Monday 5th Oct
- Leave it on the table outside the school office and get a ticket from a student librarian
- Come back @ lunch time to choose a new book

In debating this week we have been focussed on the motion, 'This House believes that to prepare for peace, you need to prepare for war'. Once again there were some fine contributions. Thank you to Siobhan Wragg for chairing. The motion was carried.

I enjoyed meeting the Chair and Deputy Chair of the School Council this week, **Joe Keenan** and **Leo Morton**. We will keep you posted on a number of key areas for improvement.

We have had an incredible sporting week. The Year 7s have made a great start to their Rugby careers at Bromsgrove. The U12C Team are definitely the 'team of the week' with a 41-0 victory. Elsewhere we had big wins in Netball, Hockey and Cross Country. To hear of our performance this week in sport and to see what's coming up soon visit www.bvgssport.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Quote of the Week

'The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams'

Eleanor Roosevelt

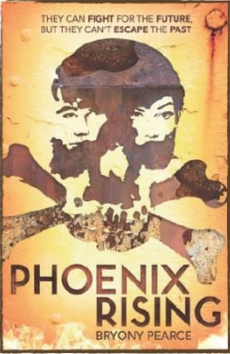
Word of the Week

'Clandestine' adj. characterised by or done in secret

Book of the Week

BOOK OF THE WEEK
COMING TO SCHOOL ON 5TH OCTOBER

♣ **Sail. Salvage. Survive.** Toby's father is a wanted man. For as long as Toby can remember, they've been on the run. The Phoenix has become their home, their backyard the junk-filled seas surrounding it. The crew of the Banshee lives for hunting down the Phoenix and now they're closing in. Ayla has spent her whole life fighting - preparing for the moment when the Banshee will face its ultimate enemy. But Toby doesn't want to run any more and Ayla is his only hope. Can he turn an old feud into a new alliance? The future is in their hands. Perfect for fans of Veronica Roth, Anthony Horowitz and Suzanne Collins. **LICHFIELD LITERATURE FESTIVAL**



Art and Design Star of the Week



Architectural drawing based on Coventry Cathedral, by Alex Hemming, 11G.

Alex is a talented student, who puts a lot of time and effort into all his work. This secondary observational drawing shows detail and tone using biro cross hatching. Well done!

Dates for your diary:

OCTOBER 2015	
Friday 2	Geography Field Trip (Y11)
Monday 5	U6 Parents' Evening 16:00
Monday 5	Lichfield Literature Festival all day at BVGS
Tuesday 6	BLH Parents' Forum 19:00
Wednesday 7	Admissions Committee
Thursday 8	World Poetry Day
Thursday 8	Junior Soloists' Concert 19:00
Friday 9	Y11 PE Residential
Monday 12	HR Committee
Tuesday 13	Careers Fair 15:30 - 19:30 at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
Thursday 15	Y7 Information Evening 18:30 - 19:30 and 19:30 - 20:15
Monday 19	Finance and Estates Committee Meeting (budget review)
Monday 19	PAC AGM
Tuesday 20	Open Morning 09:10 - 10:30
Tuesday 20	L6 Information Evening 18:30 - 19:15 and 19:30 - 20:15
Wednesday 21	Open Morning 09:15 - 10:30
Thursday 22	Junior Hockey Tour
Thursday 22	PAC Welcome Curry Night - Bhujon, Mere Green
Friday 23	Founder's Day
Friday 23	Break up for half-term

NOVEMBER 2015

Monday 2	Training Day
Tuesday 3	Term re-commences
Friday 6	PAC Year 7 & 8 Disco at BVGS
Monday 9	Learning and Teaching Committee
Monday 9	PAC meeting
Wednesday 11	Remembrance Services
Thursday 12	Open Evening for prospective Sixth Form 16:00 - 19:00
w/c Monday 16	Busking Week
Monday 16	Finance and Estates
Wednesday 18	PAC Pamper and Shop Evening - Big School
Thursday 19	Year 7 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
w/c Monday 23	Year 11 mock week
Friday 27	Speech Day 19:00 at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
Friday 27	Senior King Maths Challenge

Monday 30 GCSE Presentation Evening 19:00 at BVGS

DECEMBER 2015

Thursday 3 Year 9 Options Evening 16:30 - 18:00

**Sunday 6 -
Wednesday 9** Dress and technical rehearsals for school play

Monday 7 Full Board Meeting

Monday 7 Y12 Parents' Evening

Monday 7 PAC meeting

**Thursday 10
and Friday 11** Performance of 'Two'

Tuesday 15 Christmas Concert

Thursday 17 Break up for Christmas